SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

This program prepares students to pass instruments, sutures and sponges and to assist in surgery.

The Surgical Technology Program is a Phase I/Phase II Program.

Embedded Certificate

This program contains one or more embedded certificates which will automatically be awarded if the certificate requirements are met unless the student completes and submits the Program of Study Change Form (https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/Submit/Page/?form=cb323104-5510-4a17-9ec2-24b622c51a33&section=164598&page=179835&action=vrPdpeiC0yiN2A0ZSugif2qBRoQHteP5WIo) requesting to opt out of the embedded certificate.

Mission Statement

The Surgical Technology Department is dedicated to the preparation of individuals to meet the health care needs of the public. Graduate surgical technologists will be able to provide competent care to individuals, families and communities. Competent care encompasses the promotion of health and wellness, knowledge in health care policy, promotion of advocacy, utilization and participation in competency-based education and application of leadership skills in a variety of health care settings.

Entrance Requirements

High school diploma or GED

See "Program Requirements" Section for additional requirements.

Type of Program

Day

Location

The Surgical Technology Program is located on the Barton Campus

Employment Opportunities

Hospitals, surgical centers, obstetrical care, veterinarians' offices, private surgeons' offices, physician's offices, sterile processing departments and GI labs

Professional Credentials

Certified Surgical Technologist (subject to passing exam)

- Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Exam.

Program Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
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Seminole, FL 33775
(727) 210-2350

https://www.caahep.org/

Visit our web page at https://www.gvltec.edu/surgtech/.

Visit https://www.gvltec.edu/academics_learning/licensure-disclosures/index.html (https://www.gvltec.edu/academics_learning/licensure-disclosures/) for important information concerning educational requirements for professional licensure in a specific state or territory.

Program Requirements
Pre-Program/Phase I Admission Requirements

- Must meet college admission requirements.
- Complete Online Career Talk for Surgical Technology within one years of applying to the Phase II.

Phase II Admission Requirements

- Completed all Phase I courses with a grade of "C" or better.
- Have a minimal 2.50 technical GPA for Phase I courses.
- Complete and submit the Weighted Admission Form with supporting documentation for Phase II between March 15 and May 15.
- Students with the highest scores on their weighted admission application will receive an admission letter, intent form and physical exam form.

After acceptance into Phase II

Before beginning clinical coursework, students will be required to

- Attend a new student orientation for the Surgical Technology program.
- Be able to attend all clinical experiences, which require driving to and from clinical sites.
- Have an acceptable background for seven years prior to entering Phase II. Some convictions greater than seven years old may prevent progression through the program.
- Submit a physical exam form completed by a licensed practicing physician or certified nurse practitioner indicating good physical and mental health with current immunizations.
- Submit to drug screening prior to attending clinical in Phase II. Must have a negative 10-panel drug screen. Students are strictly prohibited from being under the influence of alcohol or any drug/medication which alters behavior or appearance of capability while engaged in any portion of their formal educational experience.
- Submit documentation of current American Heart Association Healthcare provider CPR certification (must be maintained throughout Phase II once admitted into this program).
- Complete assigned pre-clinical education training requirements prior to the start of clinical experiences and annually thereafter.
- Students will be required to successfully complete the sterile processing certification to progress to the second semester of the Surgical Technology program.

Recommended Program Schedule

Listed below is the ideal grouping of courses in order by semester. This plan assumes a full-time schedule. Note, however, that many variables can affect this plan, and not every course is offered every semester.

Please see your advisor to map out your own personalized progression toward graduation.

First Semester		Hours
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 120	Probability and Statistics	3
or MAT 110	College Algebra	
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
or SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	
BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
or BIO 215	Anatomy	
	Total Semester Hours	**13**
Second Semester		
BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
or BIO 216	Physiology	
SPC 205	Public Speaking	3
or SPC 209	Interpersonal Communication	
BIO 225	Microbiology	4
Humanities Elective		3
	Total Semester Hours	**14**
Third Semester		
SUR 101	Introduction to Surgical Technology	5
SUR 102	Applied Surgical Techniques	5
SUR 123	Sterile Processing	3
	Total Semester Hours	**13**
Fourth Semester		
SUR 103	Surgical Procedures I	4
SUR 104	Surgical Procedures II	4
SUR 110	Introduction to Surgical Practicum	5
	Total Semester Hours	**13**
Fifth Semester		
SUR 111	Basic Surgical Practicum	7
SUR 120	Surgical Seminar	2
	Total Semester Hours	**9**
	Total Required Credit Hours	**62**

[1] General education course