



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Certificate

About the Program

This program is designed to prepare graduates for employment and careers in this rapidly growing field. The program provides the student with knowledge and skills to function as an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings.

Completion of the program requires three semesters of classroom/laboratory instruction and clinical experience for a total of 1100 contact hours.

Role of the Surgical Technologist

The surgical technologist works under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduction of invasive surgical procedures. Surgical technologists often function as the sterile member of the surgical team who prepares the sterile setup, passes instruments, medications, and supplies during surgery, and assists the surgeon by holding retractors, sponging or suctioning the operative site, cutting suture, and applying sterile dressings.

Surgical Technologists also may assist other surgical team members with duties necessary for safe care of the surgical patient. These duties may include assisting with the transportation, positioning and prepping of the surgical patient; obtaining additional instruments, supplies and equipment needed for the procedure; and assessing the needs of the patient and other team members.

Employment

Surgical Technologists are employed in a variety of medical settings including hospitals, free standing surgical centers, and physician medical offices. Currently, there is a good demand for surgical technologists with employment opportunities available nationwide. Locally, the average starting pay for surgical technologists ranges between \$12.00 to \$14.00 an hour at the larger facilities.

Accreditation

The Calhoun Community College surgical technology program is accredited by *Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)*, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756, www.caahep.org

Upon the recommendation of *Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)*, 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 110, Littleton, Colorado 80120, www.arcstsa.org

A Surgical Technologist must be a graduate of a CAAHEP accredited program to sit for the national Certified Surgical Technologist exam.

How to Apply

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of Calhoun Community College and the Surgical Technology program. Admission to the program is by selection due to limited space. For more information or an application, please contact the Allied Health Department secretary at 256-306-2786.

Curriculum

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SEMESTER 1

SUR 100	Principles of Surgical Technology	5 credits
SUR 102	Applied Surgical Techniques	4 credits
SUR 107	Surgical Anatomy and Pathophysiology	3 credits
HPS 114	Basic Pharmacology	<u>2 credits</u>
		14 credits

SEMESTER 2

SUR 103	Surgical Procedures	5 credits
SUR 104	Surgical Practicum I.....	<u>4 credits</u>
		9 credits

SEMESTER 3

SUR 105	Surgical Practicum II	5 credits
SUR 106	Special Topics in Surgical Technology	<u>1 credit</u>
		6 credits

*Curriculum currently under revision by
Alabama Department of Postsecondary*

**For program information, call Ann Wagon at 256-306-2786.
www.calhoun.edu/Health/SurgTech**

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