

Program Overview

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by CAAHEP and was developed to meet the rigorous Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Surgical Technology. The curriculum is guided by the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology, 7th edition. The Association of Surgical Technologist (AST) collaborates with the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) to set standards for education, such as the associate degree as the preferred level of entry into the profession. These standards guide our didactic, laboratory, and clinical components.

The classroom classes begin the fall semester and is designed to introduce the foundation of the field of surgical technology. The laboratory instruction familiarizes the student to the proper procedures, techniques, and skills necessary to work in the OR. The students learn, practice, and demonstrate the skills before performing the skills in the clinical setting. In the clinical setting, students will apply all previous theory/laboratory knowledge while being supervised by faculty or clinical staff. With the completion of the program, students are eligible to apply to sit for the Certification Exam for Surgical Technology.

Upon completion of the program requirements, the graduate will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree. The program requirements for graduation are as follows:

1. The student must achieve a grade of C or above in each course comprising the curriculum of the program.
2. The student must complete a minimum of 425 clinical hours.
3. The clinical performance objectives must be completed and case requirements met established by ARC/AST.