

Surgical Technology Diploma (ST12)

DESCRIPTION

The Surgical Technology diploma program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in the surgical field. The Surgical Technology program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and technical knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in Surgical Technology. Graduates of the program receive a Surgical Technology diploma and are qualified for employment as surgical technologists.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Surgical Technology program are prepared for employment in hospitals, operating rooms, physician's offices, central sterile processing departments and materials management departments.

ACCREDITATION

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). CAAHEP may be contacted at 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, Ph. 727.210.2350,. The ARC/STSA may be contacted at 6 W. Dry Creek Circle, Suite 110, Littleton, CO 80120.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

To become certified Surgical Technologists, graduates must pass a National Surgical Technology certification examination offered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Certified Surgical Technology Exam

Effective August 1, 2008, accredited Surgical Technology programs will administer the CST exam to candidate groups up to 30 days post program completion. Complete graduating groups must participate; individual and/or partial candidate groups are not permitted to sit for the exam. Surgical Technology program director/faculty will submit all appropriate documents to the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting to establish eligibility for the graduate candidate to sit for the CST practice exam offered on the NBSTSA website.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Submit a completed application and application fee;
- Be at least 17 years of age;
- Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
- Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
- Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical
COMPASS	70	32	26
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17

Clinical Education Courses

The Surgical Technology clinicals provide students with an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in a hospital and ambulatory surgery centers. The clinicals allow the student to become involved in a professional work situation applying technical skills.

The surgical technology clinical courses require that the students spend a total of 810 hours in a supervised work setting. Students may not receive pay from the clinical site for clinical hours. Students are evaluated by the clinical site preceptor and the program faculty.

Clinical Assignments

Clinical times may range from 6:00-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clinical sites are selected by the program faculty. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation to the site. Students rotate through all clinical facilities. Students are required to scrub a total of 120 cases among specific surgical specialties with a minimum number of cases in the first scrub role and a maximum number of cases documented in the second scrub role.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Surgical Technology diploma program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter any semester to take general core courses. All curriculum pre-requisites must be completed by the end of the semester prior to entering the program. The Surgical Technology program course sequence begins fall semesters only. To graduate, Surgical Technology, diploma-seeking students must earn a minimum of 62 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1635 contact hours and generally takes 4 semesters to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Basic Skills Courses	6
ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English I*	3
MATH 1012 - Foundations of Mathematics*	3
Occupational Courses	56
SURG 1010 - Introduction to Surgical Technology*	6
SURG 1080 - Surgical Microbiology*	2
SURG 1100 - Surgical Pharmacology*	2
SURG 1020 - Principles of Surgical Technology*	5
SURG 1120 - Surgical Technology Clinical I*	3
SURG 1130 - Surgical Technology Clinical II*	3
SURG 2030 - Surgical Procedures I*	4
SURG 2120 - Surgical Technology Clinical III*	3
SURG 2130 - Surgical Technology Clinical IV*	3
SURG 2040 - Surgical Procedures II*	4
SURG 2140 - Surgical Technology Clinical V*	3
SURG 2150 - Surgical Technology Clinical VI*	3
SURG 2240 - Seminar in Surgical Technology*	2
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computers*	3
ALHS 1040 - Introduction to Health Care*	3
ALHS 1090 - Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences*	2
ALHS 1011 - Anatomy and Physiology* **	5

(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters.

** "C" or higher grade is required for this course.*

(Hybrid) designation indicates that the course will have web enhancements, but students will be required to attend lab sessions or take exams on campus.

*** ALHS 1011 must be taken within one year of enrolling in the SURG 1010 course and the student must obtain a grade of B or higher to be eligible to enroll in the SURG 1010 class.*

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$5,550

Books/Supplies: \$2,500

Uniform Costs: Approximately \$250

Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year

Certification Exam: \$190 for AST member, \$290 for non-AST member

Practice Exam: \$40
Study Guide: \$45
Physical Exam: \$150
TB Test: \$40
Hepatitis B Series: \$265
#4402 Forensic Drug Panel (7) or similar screening: \$25
Criminal Background Check: \$39-\$80
Dosimeter: \$45.00 per year (pregnant students will require 2 badges)
(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

CLINICAL EDUCATION

Number of Clinical Sites: 10

General Location of the Clinical Sites:

Bulloch, Burke, Candler, Chatham, Emanuel, Evans, Laurens, and Liberty Counties

Special Requirements of the Clinical Sites:

- Current CPR Certification. Student must maintain current CPR certification throughout the program.
- Immunization records with current 2 step PP2;
- Fingerprinting;
- Individual hospital orientations;
- Criminal Background Check;
- Forensic Drug Panel (7).

Readmission to the Surgical Technology Program

Students may request readmission into the program Surgical Technology program after a leave of absence. A student wishing to re-enter the program must understand that readmission is granted on a space available basis, based on the program's admission criteria, the accrediting agency criteria, and clinical capacity.

A student who is dropped from the Surgical Technology program due to academic reasons, attendance, or having received a grade of less than a "C" in any Surgical Technology course will be limited to a ONE-TIME re-entry into the program. In addition to the above statement, a student may repeat only one semester in the Surgical Technology program curriculum wherein the minimum grade of "C" was not earned.

Readmission will be considered only if there are slots available.

Students seeking readmission must be readmitted to the program within 12 months from the date of their last completed semester.

A student desiring to re-enroll in the Surgical Technology program after a leave of absence must follow the following policies and procedures:

- Submit a letter to the Dean for Health Sciences and the Program Director of Surgical Technology. The letter should explain the circumstances of the student's previous withdrawal from and/or failure to complete the program. The letter must be received by the Dean and the Program Director no later than the first day of the semester preceding potential re-entry into the Surgical Technical sequence.
- Take a written examination covering materials taught in previously passed Surgical Technology courses. These must be scheduled the semester prior to the initial Surgical Technology courses. The student must make a minimum grade of 75 or higher on each of these exams. NOTE: If the student does not make the minimum required grade on any written examination, he/she will be required to retake the course.
- Schedule a practical lab examination covering the competencies taught in previously passed Surgical Technology lab courses. These must be scheduled the semester prior to the initial Surgical Technology courses. The student must make a minimum grade of 80 or higher on each of these exams with no critical errors. NOTE: If the student does not make the minimum required grade on any lab examination, he/she will be required to retake the course.
- Student re-entry into the program will be based on space availability.
- All health requirements must be current (criminal background check, tuberculin test, CPR, physical exam, and any additional requirements).
- Student files/transcripts will be reviewed.

TOP 10 REASONS

why OTC is the right choice for you!

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
4. Over 100 majors to choose from!
5. Flexible class scheduling: day, evening, and online classes!
6. Faculty with real-world experience
7. Hands-on learning
8. Small class sizes
9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
10. We **GUARANTEE** your education!

GET STARTED TODAY!

1. Select a program! Free career counseling is available.
2. Review the Admissions Checklist and **APPLY** online at www.ogeecheetech.edu!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu!

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