Surgical Technology Diploma (ST12)

Description

(Competitive Admissions Program)

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. In addition, 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 as well as eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technology (CST) examination through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Employment Opportunities

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

Accreditation


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

The Certified Surgical Technology exam will be administered as a web-based test to eligible program completers up to 30 days after 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;
- Surgical Technology is a competitive admissions program. Please see page 15 for more information.
- Meet the following assessment requirements:

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Readmission Requirements

A student who left the College in good standing may apply for readmission as early as the next academic term. Students who have been suspended because of unsatisfactory academic progress may be readmitted after one term of absence from the College.

A student suspended for disciplinary reasons may be considered for readmission at the end of the suspension by making an appointment with the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Readmission to a program will be granted on a space-available basis within the appropriate course sequence. Students seeking readmission must be readmitted to the program within 12 months of the last successfully completed semester and will be required to complete the curriculum requirements in place at the time of re-enrollment.

Readmission To Competitive Admission Programs

A student who voluntarily leaves or is dropped from a competitive admission program due to academic reasons, attendance, or having received a grade less than “C” in any program course will be limited to a one-time re-entry into the program.

A student seeking readmission to a competitive admission program must understand that readmission is granted on a competitive and space available basis, based on the program’s admission criteria,
accreditation agency requirements, and clinical capacity. The student must meet current program admission requirements at the time of the readmission request.

A student who voluntarily leaves or is dismissed from a competitive admission program during the first semester of program classes must re-enter the competitive admissions process in order to be re-admitted.

A student who successfully completed at least one term of program classes must follow the steps below to request re-admission to the program:

- Submit a letter requesting readmission to the Director for Admissions.
- Upon approval from the Director for Admissions and confirmation that there is space available in the class, the student must demonstrate retention of materials/information taught in the last successfully completed semester.
- The student will take a written examination covering materials taught in previously taken coursework. The student must make a grade of 75 or better.
- The student will take skills tests covering competencies in the procedures learned in previously taken coursework. The student must make an 85 or better on the skills test. The number of skills tests will be determined by each Program Director.

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 525 hours in a supervised work setting and obtain 120 surgical cases. 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 6:00-3:00 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.

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 57 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1140 contact hours and generally takes 5 semesters to complete.
### Program Courses

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*(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. *“C” or higher grade is required for this course.*

### Program Costs

- Tuition/Fees: $6,923
- Books/Supplies: $2,500
- Uniform Costs: Approximately $250
- Liability Insurance: $10 per fiscal year
- Certification Exam: $190 for AST member, $290 for non-AST member
- NorthStar Learning Access: $75
- AST Membership: $45
- Study Guide: $45
- Physical Exam: $150
- TB Test: $40
- 2 Step PPD Test: $40
- Hepatitis B Series: $265
- Drug Screening: $30
- Criminal Background Check: $39-$80
- Dosimeter: $45 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, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Laurens, Toombs, Tattnall, 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 PPD;
- Fingerprinting;
- Individual hospital orientations;
- Criminal Background Check;
- Forensic Drug Panel (7);
- Student activities associated with the curriculum, especially while students are completing his/her clinical rotations, will be educational in nature. Students will not receive monetary re-numeration during this educational experience, nor will students be substituted for hired staff personnel within the clinical institution in the capacity of Surgical Technologists.
- Conviction of a felony or gross misdemeanor may prohibit employment in the field and may make a student ineligible to take licensing/certification exams required for the profession.

Additional Information

- Surgical Technology students will rotate through the clinical facilities as scheduled in the course sequence. The standard clinical case requirements that students must achieve in order to complete the program is 120 cases. These 120 cases are distributed among general surgery and specialty cases. A minimum of 80 cases must be performed in the first scrub role. A maximum of 40 cases must be performed in the second scrub role.
- All Surgical Technology students will be required to pass the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) practice exam with a score of 70 or better. The exam will be administered during SURG 2240.
- All students will be required to take the National Surgical Technologist Certification exam sponsored by NBSTSA (National Board of Surgical Technologist and Surgical Assisting).

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.

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 appropriate Dean 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 courses.

- 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 courses.

- All health requirements must be current (criminal background check, tuberculin test, CPR, physical exam, and any additional requirements).

- Student files/transcripts will be reviewed.

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**QUESTIONS:**

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