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# Surgical Technology Information

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## **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

### **PROGRAM HISTORY**

The Surgical Technology Program is approved by the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, and The Council on Occupational Education (COE). Following graduation, the student is eligible academically to take the National Certification Examination for Surgical Technology (CST). Hospitals, doctor's offices, other institutions, employ CSTs. Surgical technologists (ST) are an integral part of the health care team and provide community service through their practice. The ST is an Allied Health professional who works as part of the surgical team to ensure that the operative procedure is conducted under optimal conditions. They must be able to work independently with little direction or supervision from team members.

### **FULL-TIME SCHEDULE**

The full-time program is offered every August. Theory classes are held Monday -Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students will be required to rotate to various clinical sites during practicum. Those sites include, but are not limited to, Washington Regional Medical Center, Northwest Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, Veteran's Administration Hospital, and several other hospitals located in Northwest Arkansas. Scheduled clinical hours may be 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Due to the intensity of our program, **full-time** employment is not recommended.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Financial aid is available for those who qualify. Everyone should apply for financial aid as this may assist in qualifying the student for future scholarship monies. The cost of the program is approximately \$6,162.00. These amounts are paid by semester and throughout the program.

### **SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST**

The initial selection process is determined by placement test scores, a completed application, an interview, a dexterity test, and a hospital observation. After successfully completing all of these criteria, the top 18 students will be accepted into the program based on a scoring system. A physical examination, drug screen, and criminal background check will be done prior to attending the clinical setting.

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

Students, who have already taken college courses, including Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology, must have a grade of "B" or better to transfer out of these courses. **Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be taken within the last three (3) years.**

### **BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG SCREEN**

Background checks and a drug screen are required for ST Practicum II and III. Random drug screens are conducted throughout the program.

The Surgical Technology Department will answer any questions concerning this program Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Curriculum

The following courses must be completed satisfactorily to receive a diploma in Surgical Technology:

Course Number	Course Name	Clock Hours	Credit Hours	FA hours
SST1003	Medical Terminology	54	3	1.44
SST1004	Anatomy & Physiology	64	4	1.70
SST1113	Technical Mathematics	46	3	1.22
SST2103	Surgical Practicum I	90	3	2.4
SST2119	Surgical Procedures I	285	19	7.6
SST3208	Surgical Practicum II	360	8	9.6
SST3216	Surgical Procedures II	248	16	6.61
SST4303	Surgical Procedures III	48	3	1.28
SST4403	Surgical Practicum III	160	3	4.26
	Total Hours	1,355	62	36

*Total Hours* *1,355*

*Total Theory Hours-835*

*Total Clinical Hours-520*

## Suggested Schedule

	<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Spring Semester</u>
SST1003	Medical Terminology	SST3208	Surgical Practicum II
SST1004	Anatomy & Physiology	SST3216	Surgical Procedures II
SST1113	Technical Mathematics		
SST2103	Surgical Practicum I		
SST2119	Surgical Procedures I		
	<u>Summer</u>		
SST4303	Surgical Procedures III		
SST4403	Surgical Practicum III		

## Surgical Technology 2017-2018 Anticipated Expenses

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Paid to NTI</b>
Tuition	1352.00
Institute Fees (Administrative, Student Support)	305.00
Program Fees (Lab, insurance and badge)	400.00
Books (including patch & safety eyewear)	700.00
<b>Other Student Expenses not paid to NTI</b>	
Physical (some immunizations)	100.00
CPR (price varies)	25.00
Uniform, Lab coat and shoes	375.00
<b>Total For Fall Semester</b>	<b>3,257.00</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Tuition	1248.00
Institute Fees( Administrative, Student Support, Tech)	300.00
Program Fee (Lab, Drug)	225.00
Books (including optional)	160.00
AST Gold Package (membership, study guide, CST exam)	275.00
<b>Other Student Expenses not paid to NTI</b>	
Background check and Drug Screen	125.00
<b>Total For Spring Semester</b>	<b>2,333.00</b>
<b>Summer I</b>	
Tuition	312.00
Institute Fees( Administrative, Student Support, Tech)	150.00
Program Fees	30.00
Graduation Fees	80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>572.00</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,162.00</b>

Although we have made every effort to include all expenses (both required and recommended), we may have missed some. Hopefully, any missed will be incidentals. The purpose of this is to help you budget your money for the year; but whether or not it is included on this sheet, it is your responsibility to pay for the required supplies and services at the time they are due.

Please keep in mind when making your financial plans: Travel expenses to/from school and clinical sites, lunches, child care, out-of-town trips, etc.