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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. 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 \$6,157.00. 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 25 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, but must have 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.

Questions about this program can be answered Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. by calling 479-751-8824 ext. 116.



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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 | | |



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Surgical Technology 2019-2020 Anticipated Expenses

| Fall Semester | Paid to NTI |
|--|--------------------|
| 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 |
| Other Student Expenses not paid to NTI | |
| Physical (some immunizations) | 100.00 |
| CPR (price varies) | 60.00 |
| Uniform, Lab coat and shoes | 375.00 |
| Background check and Drug Screen | 85.00 |
| Total For Fall Semester | 3,377.00 |
| Spring Semester | |
| Tuition | 1248.00 |
| Institute Fees (Administrative, Student Support, Tech) | 300.00 |
| Program Fee (Lab, insurance and drug) | 225.00 |
| Books (including optional) | 160.00 |
| AST Gold Package (membership, study guide, CST exam) | 275.00 |
| Total For Spring Semester | 2,208.00 |
| Summer I | |
| Tuition | 312.00 |
| Institute Fees (Administrative, Student Support, Tech) | 150.00 |
| Program Fees | 30.00 |
| Graduation Fees | 80.00 |
| Total | 572.00 |
| Program Total | \$6,157 |

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.