



Surgical Technology

Overview

Surgical Technologists are vital members of the surgical team who work closely with physicians, registered nurses, anesthesia providers and other surgical personnel. Duties include sterilizing instruments and surgical supplies, setting up the operating room with instruments and equipment, anticipating the needs of surgeons, and passing instruments, sutures, sponges, and handling surgical specimens.

Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Degree Earned

General Certificate in Surgical Operating Room Technology

Length of Program

Two semesters (24 semester hours) with additional third semester option

Credentials Earned

Students who complete the Surgical Technology program will be eligible to sit for the national certification exam.

Working Conditions

Clean, brightly lit, relatively quiet, cool environment that may include working in limited spaces and standing for long periods of time. Protective clothing must be worn that includes hair and shoe coverings, facial masks, sterile gloves, and other surgical scrub clothing. At times, may be exposed to communicable diseases and unpleasant sights, odors, and materials. Work schedules may include day or evening shifts, weekdays, weekends, and scheduled on-call time including holidays.

Curriculum

Course # Course Name Cr. hrs

Semester I Fall

ENG 101 English Composition I	3
SUR 101 Introduction to Surgical Technology	3
SUR 102 Applied Surgical Techniques	4
SUR 107 Surgical Anatomy and Physiology	3

Semester II Spring

SUR 103 Surgical Procedures	5
SUR 105 Surgical Practicum	5
SUR 106 Special Topics in Surgical Technology	1

Certificate Awarded

Semester III (Optional)

SUR 204 Surgical Practicum III	4
SUR 205 Surgical Practicum IV	5

Employment Opportunities

Surgical Technologists are employed by hospitals, physicians' offices, and outpatient surgical clinics. Satisfactory completion of the Surgical Technology two-semester (24 credit hour) program will qualify the graduate for an entry-level position in the Operating Room. May be employed in Surgical Dept., OB Dept. or private employ with surgeon

Admission

Opelika Campus

Classes are admitted once per year, Fall Semester. Students are admitted beginning **June 15th** and applications are accepted until class is filled.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements of the College, admission to the Surgical Technology program requires:

1. Unconditional admission to the College.
2. 2.0 Cumulative grade point average (GPA) with a minimum 2.0 GPA at Southern Union.
3. Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
4. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 100 and satisfaction of the College Reading requirement.
5. Receipt of application for Surgical Technology Program.

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program is competitive, and the number of students admitted is limited by the number of clinical facilities available. Applicants are rank-ordered for acceptance using cumulative GPA with preference given to those students who have taken general education courses at Southern Union. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

For more information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook, or visit the website at www.suscc.edu.

For more information about admission to the program, contact: **Ashley Minnifield, Health Sciences Admissions • 1701 Lafayette Parkway, Opelika, Alabama 36801 • (334) 745-6437 ext. 5515**