



Surgical Technology (SUR) Program Application

Notice: Admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice.

Name: Last _____, First _____ MI ____ SUSCC Student Id# _____

List all previous names you may have records under: _____

Date of application: _____ (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Surgical Technology Program (SUR) : Priority Admission – Deadline September 15

Location: Opelika Campus

Notice: Applicants who do not complete ALL items on the following checklist will not be considered for admission.

v	Application Checklist
v	Information Session Verification of Attendance form must be attached to the program application. Applicants without an ORIGINAL Information Session Verification will not be ranked or admitted to the program. Copies not acceptable. Sign up for session at www.suscc.edu under the Surgical Technology Information page.
	Completed requirements for general admission to Southern Union. Applicants must complete the SUSCC Application for General Admission requirements according to College admission policy.
	Meet minimal admission requirements for admission to Surgical Technology Program (Requirements available on page 3 and on website).
	Completed application for the program for which you are applying. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Health Sciences Admissions Office has received your COMPLETE application for the correct program prior to the deadline.
	Essential Functions form answered, read and signed by applicant. Student must maintain ability to meet essential functions for surgical technology with or without reasonable accommodations. Application will be considered incomplete without question(s) answered and applicant’s signature. Physician’s signature will be required following admission to program.
	Official transcripts from EACH college attended (or high school transcript for applicants with no prior college coursework) must be in the Registrar’s office before the deadline. Transfer credit listed on other college transcripts will NOT be accepted as replacement for official transcripts from EACH college. It is your responsibility to check with Records Office and verify that transcripts have been received by the Records Office before the application deadline. Faxed or hand-delivered transcripts are not considered as official. Have transcripts mailed directly to the Records Office at: Southern Union State Community College, Admissions, and P.O. Box 1000, Wadley, AL 36276.
	Current class schedule must be attached if currently enrolled in college other than SUSCC. In-progress transcript must be in Records Office before application deadline.
	Course descriptions attached to program application from transfer courses required for surgical technology program. Contact previous college or search their websites for descriptions.

****READ and sign:** I have included ALL of the above items, as required, in my application packet. I understand that meeting minimal admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. I further understand that if any of the above items are missing and ALL my official college transcripts are not in the Registrar’s Office before the deadline for application, my application will not be considered for admission to the program.

Signature

Date

PERSONAL DATA

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ Maiden: _____

SUSCC Student # (Not SSN#) _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____@mail.suscc.edu

Mailing Address must be correct in Records Office for you to receive notification of admission status.*PRIOR EDUCATION**

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

GED (if applicable): _____ Date Completed: _____

International students should make sure their visa or green card does not expire prior to end of program.

College: List ALL colleges attended (including Southern Union). List any additional schools on attached sheet, if necessary.

Name of College	City, State	Name(s) on transcript during attendance	Are you currently enrolled?
Attach additional sheets if more room is needed			

Are you currently enrolled in a college other than SUSCC? _____ If yes, attach current class schedule and the in-progress transcript must be located in Records Office by deadline.

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS ONLY (NOT REQUIRED FOR COURSES COMPLETED AT SUSCC):**Must attach course description if taken at another college or university.**

SUSCC Course number and name	Title of Course that you completed	College/University Granting Credit	Grade	Year
English 101 (English Composition I)				
English 102 (English Composition II)				
Math 100 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher-level math				
BIO 103 (Principles of Biology) OR BIO 111 (Survey of Human Anatomy)				
BIO 201 (Anatomy and Physiology I)				
BIO 202 (Anatomy and Physiology II)				
BIO 220 (Microbiology)				
HPS 105 (Medical Terminology)				
PSY 200 (General Psychology)				
PSY 210 (Human Growth and Development)				
SPH 106 or SPH 107 (Public Speaking)				
SUR 108 (Pharmacology for the Surgical Technologist) or HPS 114 (Basic Pharmacology)				

*** Completing this form does not ensure transfer of college credit. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify transferability with the Academic Advisor for Health Sciences.**

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Unconditional admission to the college.
2. Verification of Attendance at a Health Sciences Information session.
3. Completed application for the surgical technology program by published deadline.
4. Completion of prerequisite academic core courses with a minimum grade of "C" or higher.
5. Minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA of completed nursing required academic core courses from a regionally accredited institution **and** transfer students must enter College on clear academic status.
6. 2.0 minimum grade point average at Southern Union.
7. Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED passage acceptable in place of 2.5 GPA).
8. Eligibility for English 101, Math 100 and satisfaction of College reading requirement.
9. Good standing with the college.
10. Meet the essential functions (attached) required for surgical technology program.

Admission to the surgical technology program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. **Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.**

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the official policy of the Alabama State Board of Education and Southern Union State Community College that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, gender, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. Persons requiring reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Southern Union State Community College ADA Coordinator at (334) 745-6437 extension 5351.

Applicants please read and sign below:

I understand that completion of this application is a component of the student profile and does not in itself grant admission to the surgical technology program. I understand this application must be resubmitted if I am not selected for the indicated application period. All application materials become the property of Southern Union State Community College. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Health Science Department has received all of the requested documentation.

I hereby certify that the information given in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false information may be deemed sufficient reason for dismissal and/or refusal of admission.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**Send or Deliver Completed Applications to:
Southern Union State Community College
ATTN: Health Sciences Admissions
301 Lake Condry Road
Opelika, AL 36801**

Surgical Technology Essential Functions

Students must be able to perform certain psychomotor, cognitive, and affective skills that are required in the program and, upon graduation, in the profession. The following examples of criteria are not intended as a complete listing of practice behaviors, but are a sampling of the types of abilities needed by the student to meet program objectives and requirements. The Department or its affiliated agencies may identify additional critical behaviors or abilities needed by students to meet program or agency requirements. The Department reserves the right to amend this listing based on the identification of additional standards or criteria for students. If you cannot fully meet (100%) the following standards (and examples of criteria to meet the standards), you will be asked to explain in what way you cannot meet those standards and what type of accommodations you will need throughout the program. The ADA coordinator and Dean of Health Sciences will determine if those accommodations can be provided.

Cognitive and critical thinking abilities are sufficient to make clinical judgments and meet laboratory objectives and requirements.

1. Comprehend new knowledge and apply it in the practice setting.
2. Organize, problem-solve, and make decisions.
3. Meet mental competency requirements.
4. Compute mathematical problems.
5. Operate a computer after an orientation

Interpersonal abilities are sufficient to interact purposefully and effectively with others.

1. Establish rapport with individuals.
2. Perceive emotions displayed by others.
3. Convey sensitivity, respect, tact, and a mentally healthy attitude in interpersonal relationships.
4. Conscientious, orderly, and emotionally stable to handle the demands of surgeons.

Communication abilities are sufficient to convey thoughts in verbal and written form so that others understand them.

1. Have sufficient English language abilities to understand printed materials; classroom lectures; instructional, medical or other directives; patient questions and/or responses, and must be able to be understood in verbal and written communication.
2. Appropriately use the terminology of the profession in verbal and written communications.
3. Interpret feedback or messages.

Physical mobility is sufficient to fulfill classroom, clinical, and program objectives safely and effectively.

Physical disabilities must not pose a threat to the safety of the student, faculty, patients, or health care workers.

1. Maintain balance in any position and can stand on both legs, move from room to room, and maneuver in small spaces.
2. Flex and/or abduct and adduct all joints freely.
3. Able to achieve certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the professional rescuer level.

Strength (gross motor skills) and endurance are sufficient to safely fulfill clinical laboratory objectives and requirements.

1. Have physical stamina to stand and walk for six hours or more in a clinical setting performing physical task, requiring physical energy without jeopardizing patient, self, or colleague safety.
2. Able to position, lift and transfer patients without injury to patient, self, or others.
3. Able to push or pull heavy objects, such as an occupied hospital bed without injury to patient, self, or others.

Fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination are sufficient to safely fulfill all objectives and requirements.

1. Able to manipulate small objects. EX: Threading a needle.
2. Manipulate objects without extraneous motions, tremors or jerking.
3. Have mental dexterity sufficient to handle instruments quickly.

Auditory ability is sufficient to communicate effectively with others, to monitor and assess patient status, and to fulfill all clinical objectives and requirements.

1. Hear accurately to assess a blood pressure and can accurately count a heart rate
2. Hear high and low frequency sounds, such as telephones, monitor alarms, emergency signals, weak cries of infants, and weak calls for help.

Visual ability is sufficient to monitor and assess patient status and to fulfill laboratory objectives and requirements

1. Able to discern the full spectrum of colors and to distinguish color changes.
2. Accurately read numbers and letters in fine print, such as would appear on medication vials, ampoules, syringes, and monitoring equipment in varying levels of lights (daylight to very dim light) from no closer than 12-18 inches. This includes handling very small thread (suture) in dim lighting.
3. Read for long periods of time.
3. Detect changes in the environment.

Tactile ability and sense of smell must be sufficient to assess patients and the environment.

1. Discern tremors or vibrations in various body areas.
2. Palpate and count pulses.
3. Discern physical characteristics through touch, such as texture, temperature, shape, size, location, and others.
4. Smell body and environmental odors, such as infected wounds or burning electrical equipment.

Student Verification

Read the declarations below and check only **one** option. Sign and print name below. *If you are **unable to fully meet any** criterion, you will need to direct your request to the College ADA Coordinator.*

I have reviewed the Essential Functions for this program and I certify that to the best of my knowledge **I currently have the ability to fully perform these functions.** I understand that further evaluation of my ability may be required and conducted by the EMS faculty if deemed necessary to evaluate my ability prior to admission to the program and for retention and progression through the program.

I have read the Essential Functions for this program and **I currently am unable to fully meet the items indicated without accommodations.** I am requesting the following reasonable accommodations: Attach additional sheet.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date

SUSCC Surgical Technology Program Ranking Worksheet

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. If you have any questions, please attend information sessions for health sciences. See www.suscc.edu for dates and times.

Name: _____

Student #: _____

Required Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on program required academic core courses listed on page 2 and a minimum of 2.0 GPA at SUSCC or entry to College on clear academic status if never enrolled at SUSCC.

Have you met the minimum grade point average requirement?

Yes: ____ No: ____

After meeting all minimum requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on:

(1) grades earned in ENG 101, ENG 102, SUR 108 (or HPS 114), BIO 111, BIO 201, BIO 202, BIO 220 and MTH 100 or higher level math.

2. Points Awarded for Specific Coursework. You should consult with an Academic Advisor regarding the transferability of courses taken at another institution. A maximum of eight (8) grades you have earned can be used for points as indicated in the following scale: **A = 30 pts.; B = 20 pts.; C = 10 pts.**

Circle a maximum of 6 Grades Earned:

COLLEGE COURSES:

MTH 100 Intermediate Algebra A B C ____pts.
(or higher level math; use best grade)

ENG 101 English Composition I A B C ____pts.

BIO 103 Principles of Biology **OR**
BIO 111 Survey of Human Biology A B C ____pts.

BIO 201 Anatomy and Physiology I A B C ____pts.

BIO 202 Anatomy and Physiology II A B C ____pts.

BIO 220 Microbiology A B C ____pts.

Total points: (total from college points)

_____ **Max. 180 pts.**

Applicant will receive an additional point (1) for grade of A or B in the following college courses:

Speech 107 A B ____pts

HPS 105 A B ____pts

HPS 114 A B ____pts

PSY 200 A B ____pts

ENG 102 A B ____pts

Final Total:

The completed application packet, **official copies** of college and/or high school transcripts or GED test results must be in the appropriate office by the deadline(s). It is strongly recommended that you check with the Records Office to make sure that your official transcripts have been received prior to the application deadline.