

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY



## OVERVIEW

Surgical Technologists are vital members of the surgical team. The CST works closely with surgeons, RNs, anesthesia care providers and other members of the surgical team. Duties include set-up, preparation and participation in surgical procedures. The CST requires knowledge of instrumentation, equipment, sterilization and safety practices, and the ability to anticipate the needs of the surgical team.

## ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

## DEGREE EARNED

Associate in Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology

## LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Three semesters (60-69 hours of which 18 hours of prerequisite course work are required for admission)

## CREDENTIALS EARNED

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Surgical Technologists are employed by hospitals, physicians' offices, and outpatient surgical clinics.

## CURRICULUM

*Prerequisites: Must be completed prior to application with a grade of C or higher.*

### PREREQUISITES

<b>BIO 103</b>	<b>Principles of Biology</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Or</b>		
<b>BIO 111</b>	<b>Survey of Human Biology</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BIO 201</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BIO 202</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ENG 101</b>	<b>English Composition I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MTH 100</b>	<b>Inter. Algebra or higher</b>	<b>3</b>

**Total Semester Hours 18**

### SEMESTER I– SUMMER

<b>HPS 105</b>	<b>Medical Terminology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 200</b>	<b>General Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ENG 102</b>	<b>English Composition II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SPH 107</b>	<b>Fund of Public Speaking</b>	
<b>Or</b>		
<b>SPH 106</b>	<b>Oral Communications</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SUR 108</b>	<b>Pharmacology for the Surgical Technologist</b>	
<b>Or</b>		
<b>HPS 114</b>	<b>Basic Pharmacology</b>	<b>2</b>

**Total Semester Hours 14**

### SEMESTER II– FALL

<b>SUR 101</b>	<b>Intro to Surg Technology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SUR 102</b>	<b>Applied Surgical Techniques</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BIO 220</b>	<b>General Microbiology</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PSY 210</b>	<b>Human Growth &amp; Dev.</b>	<b>3</b>

**Total Semester Hours 14**

### SEMESTER III– SPRING

<b>SUR 111</b>	<b>Clinical Procedures</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>SUR 105</b>	<b>Surgical Practicum</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>SUR 106</b>	<b>Role Transition in Surgical Technology</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Humanities Elective</b>		<b>3</b>

**Total Semester Hours 14**

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60**  
**OPTIONAL COURSES**

<b>SUR 204</b>	<b>Surgical Practicum III</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SUR 205</b>	<b>Surgical Practicum IV</b>	<b>5</b>

<sup>1</sup>ORI 101 is a requirement for all freshman students.

## ADMISSION

Opelika Campus

Classes are admitted once per year. Priority admission begins March 1st and applications are accepted until class is filled.

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program is competitive and the number of students admitted is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

1. Health Sciences Information Session Attendance Verification. See Health Science Information Session information at [www.suscc.edu](http://www.suscc.edu);
2. unconditional admission to the College;
3. 2.5 grade point average (GPA) calculated on required academic core courses and;
4. 2.0 GPA at Southern Union if previously enrolled. Transfer students must enter the College on clear academic status (2.0 GPA);
5. Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended. Beginning Fall 2014, all new and transfer students must submit high school or GED transcripts;
6. Submission of complete application packet for Surgical Technology Program.

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. **Notice:** admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice. Please check with health sciences division and/or website for updates.

For more information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook, or visit the website at [www.suscc.edu](http://www.suscc.edu).

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For more information about admission to the program contact:

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