

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY: Associate of Science Degree

Mission Statement

The mission of the Surgical Technology Program is to provide educational experience in a learner-centered environment to develop competent surgical technologists who are prepared for entry-level employment. Our graduates meet the diverse needs of the communities they serve through the application of ethical standards, delivery of safe surgical care and active professional engagement.

Description

Students who successfully complete Program and College requirements will be awarded an Associate of Science Degree in Surgical Technology. Features of this CAAHEP-accredited program include experience in a fully-equipped laboratory to simulate the surgical suite for skills practice and assessment prior to entering the clinical setting, more than 700 hours of operating room clinical experience in a wide range of surgical specialties in both private, specialized clinics and large hospitals, including the area's leading Level-1 trauma centers, and an integrated professionalism-across-the-curriculum experience to prepare students for success in the workforce. Students will take the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam while enrolled in their final term as a student so they may have the opportunity to enter the workforce as a credentialed surgical technologist.

Admission Criteria/ Prerequisites

Applicants to the Surgical Technology Program must satisfy all College admissions requirements.

Curriculum:

Credit Hours

*Math competency test administered at registration; completion of 0 credit modules as directed during fall term

Fall Semester		13
SC 225	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
SC 103	Chemistry*	3
SC 116	Medical Terminology	1
HU 150	World of Ideas: Critical Reasoning and Rhetoric	3
ST 101	Introduction to Surgical Technology with Lab	2
Spring Semester		16
CM 101	English Composition	3
SS 215	Life-Span Psychology	3
SC 226	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ST 120	Surgical Technology I with Lab	6
Summer Session		12
SS 235	The Sociology of Culture	3
CM 230 or 245	Language and Culture in Health Care	3
ST 200	Pharmacology for the Surgical Technologist	2
ST 210	Surgical Technology II with Lab	4
Fall Semester		12
ST 265	Correlated Patient Study	1
ST 260	Medical Ethics and Law for the Surgical Technologist	1
ST 220	Surgical Technology III	2
ST 205	Microbiology for the Surgical Technologist	2
ST 250	Surgical Technology Clinical I	6

Spring Semester		12
HU __	The World of Ideas: Elective	3
ST 268	Correlated Patient Study	1
ST 280	ST Seminar	2
ST 270	Surgical Technology Clinical II	6
CM 290	Portfolio Synthesis	0
Program Total Hours:		65

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY: On-line Associate of Science Degree in Health Studies

With emphasis in Surgical Technology

Description

The associate of science degree completion program is designed for students who have completed a CAAHEP-accredited surgical technology certificate program and wish to earn a college degree. The program is an end in itself or can be a stepping stone toward the Bachelor of Science degree. Courses are available for on-line delivery and the program can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis. Upon successful completion of the required general education credits, credit will be awarded for the surgical technology Associate program.

Admission Criteria/ Prerequisites

- College GPA of 2.5 or above (cumulative) earned at a regionally accredited institution (courses considered for transfer must be completed with a “C-” grade or above)
- Successful completion of a CAAHEP-accredited Surgical Technology Associate program.

Curriculum:		Credits
General Education Program		21
Humanities		6
HU 150	The World of Ideas: Critical Reasoning & Rhetoric	3
HU __	The World of Ideas: Elective	3
Communications		6
CM 101	English Composition	3
CM 230 or 245	Language and Culture in Health Care	3
CM 290	Portfolio Synthesis	0
Natural & Applied Sciences		3
SC_	Science Elective	3
Social Sciences		6
SS 215	Life-Span Psychology	3
SS 235	The Sociology of Culture	3
Professional Course Credit		40
Credit for surgical technology certificate courses will be awarded following completion of all other program requirements		40
Program Total Hours:		61

* Note- the minimum residency requirement at Nebraska Methodist College is 15 credit hours.