



CALHOUN
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Certificate

About the Program

This program is designed to prepare graduates for employment and careers in this rapidly growing field. The program provides the student with knowledge and skills to function as an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings.

Completion of the program requires three semesters of classroom/laboratory instruction and clinical experience for a total of 1100 contact hours.

Role of the Surgical Technologist

The surgical technologist works under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduction of invasive surgical procedures. Surgical technologists often function as the sterile member of the surgical team who prepares the sterile setup, passes instruments, medications, and supplies during surgery, and assists the surgeon by holding retractors, sponging or suctioning the operative site, cutting suture, and applying sterile dressings.

Surgical technologists also may perform the role of the circulator, which is a nonsterile position. The circulator assist the surgical team by safely transporting, positioning, and prepping the surgical patient, obtaining additional instruments, supplies and equipment while the surgical procedure is in progress, and constantly assessing the needs of the patient and surgical team.

Employment

Surgical Technologists are employed in a variety of medical settings including hospitals, free standing surgical centers, and physician medical offices. Currently, there is a high demand for surgical technologists with employment opportunities available nationwide. Locally, the average starting pay for surgical technologists ranges between \$12.00 to \$14.00 an hour at the larger facilities.

How Much Will it Cost?

Tuition at Calhoun — the fees paid to take classes— is among the lowest in the area. A full-time student will pay between \$1140-\$1520 per 15-week semester. A single class will cost only \$285. Since the College does not have dormitories, the only other costs will be for transportation to and from class and books and supplies. And, if you need help with college costs, the Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, work study, scholarships, and loans.

How to Apply

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of Calhoun Community College and the Surgical Technology program. Admission to the program is by selection due to limited space. For more information or an application, please contact the Allied Health Department secretary at 256-306-2786.

Curriculum

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SEMESTER 1

SUR 100	Principles of Surgical Technology	5 credits
SUR 102	Applied Surgical Techniques	4 credits
SUR 107	Surgical Anatomy and Pathophysiology	3 credits
HPS 114	Basic Pharmacology	<u>2 credits</u>
		14 credits

SEMESTER 2

SUR 103	Surgical Procedures	5 credits
SUR 104	Surgical Practicum I.....	<u>4 credits</u>
		9 credits

SEMESTER 3

SUR 105	Surgical Practicum II	5 credits
SUR 106	Special Topics in Surgical Technology	<u>1 credit</u>
		6 credits

*Curriculum currently under revision by
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**For program information,
call Ann Wagon at 256-306-2786.**

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