

St. Cloud Technical & Community College Surgical Technology Program – Information Packet

Welcome!

Health programs have specific requirements for students to complete.

This material is intended to help guide you through the process from beginning to graduating from your intended health major. Staff and faculty are here to assist with your educational journey and look forward to seeing you on campus!

Surgical Technology Program Description

The Surgical Technology is a full-time program that begins each fall semester.

The Surgical Technology program is 2.5 semesters:

- fall semester
- spring semester
- summer semester (3-week term)

24 students are accepted each fall semester.

It is a competitive program that requires a 2-application process.

The Surgical Technology program at SCTCC trains graduates to set up and pass instruments to the surgeon during various surgical procedures. Patients count on every professional in the operating room to help ensure a safe and effective outcome, and a Surgical Technology degree prepares grads for that professionalism.

Graduates will become an integral member of the health care team providing surgical care to patients. Under the supervision of a surgeon, surgical technologists ensure that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

Surgical Technology Careers

Potential employers include hospitals, physicians' offices, outpatient Care Centers, and medical device companies

- The 3-year placement rate for the Surgical Technology program is 100%.
- The average Central MN salary is \$60,373 annually
https://apps.deed.state.mn.us/lmi/oid/Results_9Columns.aspx

Prospective/Returning Student - Application Process

- Your first step is to apply to SCTCC as a Pre-Surgical Technology student at <https://sctcc.edu/apply>
- Follow instructions received by Admissions and Records & Registration offices.
- Meet with an advisor to begin the *Current SCTCC Student* process.

Current SCTCC Student / Advisor Meetings - Academic Advising Center

- Current SCTCC students are required to meet with an advisor at least once a semester to receive a registration access code and review their academic plan.
- We encourage students to visit more often with any questions or concerns they may have.
- We are here to align you with resources that are available and help guide you through your educational journey at SCTCC!

Surgical Technology Program – A.A.S. Degree Requirements

- A minimum grade of “C” or better AND a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above in pre-requisite coursework is required to be considered for admission.
- Students can apply with pre-requisites in-progress, MUST be complete prior to the start of the program. Priority will be given to students with all pre-requisites complete at the time of application.
- When applying to the program, applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC
 - Not on warning or probation - cumulative GPA 2.0 & cumulative completion rate of 66.67%.
- **RE-TAKE Options:** Each pre-requisite and General Education course may be taken 3 times.
 - Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses.
- Program application dates and periods may vary and/or be extended. Priority is given to those who apply during the first application period. Stay up to date by checking the program page frequently.
- The Surgical Technology program is competitive, the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.

General Education pre-requisites include

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester</u>
BLGY 1351: General Biology	4 Credits	_____
BLGY 2310: Human Anatomy/Physiology I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 1351: General Biology 	4 Credits	_____
BLGY 2320: Human Anatomy/Physiology II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 2310: Human Anatomy/Physiology I 	4 Credits	_____
HLTH 1440: Medical Terminology	1 Credit	_____
CMST 2310: Interpersonal Communication	3 Credits	_____
DVRS 1304: Diversity & Social Justice	3 Credits	_____
PHIL 1320: Ethics	3 Credits	_____
Written Communications Course (Example: ENGL 1308, 1309 or 1312)	3 Credits	_____

Math Requirement Options:

- Accuplacer: Arithmetic minimum score 250 **OR** QAS minimum score 242 **OR**
- MATH 0720 - Math Literacy **OR**
- Complete Goal area 4 Mathematics (Math course placement dependent on Accuplacer score)

Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work at SCTCC:

CPR requirement: Basic Life Support (BLS) American Heart Association

- Provide a copy of CPR card **AFTER** accepted to the Surgical Technology program (Bring to programmatic orientation meeting)

Course options at SCTCC: EMSC 1480 (1 credit course) **OR** HBHE 1513 (Hour based course)

NOT required, but highly recommended to improve Surgical Technology program acceptance:

- Complete Nurse Assistant course (Options):
 - HLTH 1402 (3 credits) **OR** HCCC 1415, 1425 and 1480 (6 credits)
 - or provide 75-hour Nurse Assistant certificate
- Earn a health degree, AA, HSBF - AS or Bachelor degree
- Complete 12 or more pre-requisite credits at SCTCC

Classroom observation (during Fall semester only):

- Learn about the physical expectations by observing current students during lab class or open lab sessions!
 - Email the lab assistant Heather Donabauer at heather.donabauer@sctcc.edu

Surgical Technology Historical Applicant Data (Previous years – Student Data)

Program Start Date	Number of Seats Available	Total Number of Applicants	Total Number of Qualified Applicants *	Average GPA in prerequisites of Accepted Applicants	Number of Accepted Applicants that earned 9 or more credits earned at SCTCC	Number of Accepted Applicants with a 2-year/4-year Degree	Number of Accepted Applicants that completed the Nursing Assistant Course
Fall 2017	24	42	39	3.49	23	6	12
Fall 2018	24	39	36	3.38	24	11	12
Fall 2019	24	41	35	3.21	21	4	14
Fall 2020	24	52	37	3.38	24	7	12
Fall 2021	24	48	39	3.37	22	8	14
Fall 2022	24	38	28	3.42	22	5	11
Fall 2023	24	33	27	3.332	19	2	13

* All pre-requisites complete with a GPA of 2.5 or higher

** Students accepted to the Surgical Technology program earned /completed areas

Surgical Technology Program Check List for new & returning (out for over a year) students:

- Apply to SCTCC as a Pre-Surgical Technology student: <https://sctcc.edu/apply>
- Complete eOrientation & Meet with an Academic Advisor
- Apply for Scholarships and/or FAFSA

Surgical Technology Program Check List for current SCTCC students:

- Follow an *Academic Plan* developed by you and an advisor
- Complete Pre-Requisites (can apply to the program with pre-requisites in-progress)
- Apply to the Program <https://www.sctcc.edu/surgical-technology-apply-online>
 - The Surgical Technology application is open December 1st through February 15th
 - Application date may be extended for additional program applications

Application Timeline for the Surgical Tech Program at SCTCC

- Must be a current SCTCC student to apply to the program
- The Surgical Technology application is open December 1st through February 15th
 - Dates are estimated and subject to change. Review Surgical Technology page for updates.
- Application is found at <https://www.sctcc.edu/surgical-technology-apply-online>
- Students are expected to be notified of their standing by April 1st each year
 - **Accepted** applicants will have letters sent
 - Top 24 ranking students
 - **Alternate List** applicants will be notified of their status
 - **Non-accepted** applicants are notified & encouraged to meet with an advisor to discuss:
 - ways to improve your application before reapplying to the program
 - your educational options / course selection for next semester
 - other programs and opportunities at SCTCC.

Students admitted to the Surgical Technology program

- Applicants will be notified of the date and time for the mandatory Surgical Technology student orientation, usually held in May.
- Applicants MUST provide documentation of either Basic Life Support (BLS) American Heart Association during orientation meeting.
- Applicants will be required to take and pass a MN Criminal Background study, electronic fingerprinting, AND drug testing (paid for by the student).

Applicants placed on the Alternate List for the Surgical Technology program

- Applicants who meet the requirements but were not admitted because the program was full will be placed on a ranked alternate list.
- Applicants placed on this list will be eligible for admission to the program if spaces open prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- ALL applicants who wish to gain admission to the Surgical Technology program in the future must reapply, including those who were on the previous year's alternate list.

*****If an applicant is accepted and declines to be admitted into the program, no preference will be given to the applicant should he or she choose to apply in any subsequent year. To be considered for admission in any subsequent year, such students will need to go through the entire application process again.**

The Surgical Technology (A.A.S. Degree) Program is a 60-credit degree

Length of Program Once Admitted: 2.5 semesters

Start: Fall Semester/August

Program courses (once accepted)	35 credits
<u>Pre-requisites credits:</u>	<u>25 credits</u>
TOTAL	60 credits

Surgical Technology Program Courses (once accepted)

Fall Semester (first semester)

SURG 1400 Medical Microbiology	2 credit
SURG 1404 Surgical Pharmacology	2 credit
SURG 1420 Operating Room Techniques	3 credit
<u>SURG 1424 Operating Room Techniques Lab</u>	<u>4 credit</u>
TOTAL	11 credits

Spring Semester (second semester)

SURG 1442 Surgical Procedures I	6 credit
<u>SURG 1462 Operating Room Clinical Lab I</u>	<u>14 credit</u>
TOTAL	20 credits

Summer Term (third semester)

SURG 1443 Surgical Procedures II	1 credit
<u>SURG 1463 Operating Room Clinical Lab II</u>	<u>3 credit</u>
	4 credits

Estimated Cost of Program

- Tuition & Fees (64 credits) \$13,290
- Books, Supplies, Materials \$3,311 (approximately) = \$16,601 (approximately).
 - Please visit <http://www.sctcc.edu/financial-aid> for tuition and fees rate, cost of credits and programs.
 - Information on the financial aid process and scholarships is also available.

Certified Surgical Technologist Exam:

As a requirement to graduation from the Surgical Technology program, students join the Association of Surgical Technologists and graduates of the Surgical Technology Program will be eligible to take the National Certification Examination "CST" given by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Program FAQs – Surgical Technology

Can I apply directly to the Surgical Technology program?

Students MUST be a *Current Student* (applied and accepted to SCTCC).

Can I apply to the program without all the pre-requisites complete?

Students can apply with pre-requisites in-progress, MUST be complete prior to the start of the program. Priority will be given to students with all pre-requisites complete at the time of application.

Can I re-take a pre-requisite course to improve my GPA?

Each pre-requisite and General Education course may be taken 3 times (effective Dec 2022).

Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses

When does the Surgical Technology program start?

The Surgical Technology program is a 2.5 semester program that begins each Fall Semester (Fall semester, Spring semester & a 3-week Summer Term).

How many students are accepted to the Surgical Technology program?

24 students are accepted each fall semester.

Can I attend Part-Time?

The Surgical Technology program is a *full-time* program only.

Are any of the Surgical Technology courses offered online?

Once accepted to the program, classes are all held on-campus or at Clinical sites.

When can I apply to the program?

The Surgical Technology application window is open December 1st through February 15th.
Application found at <https://www.sctcc.edu/surgical-technology-apply-online>

Once accepted to the Surgical Technology program, what is the schedule like?

Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday approximately 8AM – 3PM for the Fall semester. Spring and Summer semesters include two clinical rotations of ten weeks each at area hospitals/surgery centers. This will be daytime hours and varies by facility (approximately 6AM-3PM). Students will attend clinicals 4 days per week with class on campus once a week 8AM-1PM.

Is the Surgical Technology program accredited?

The Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)."

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

1361 Park St. Clearwater, FL 33756

www.caahep.org

Visit SCTCC! – Surgical Technology

Thank you for your interest in the Surgical Technology program at SCTCC!

We invite you to sign up for a tour or open house event at <https://sctcc.edu/visit>

After reviewing this information, if you need further assistance, please contact:

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enroll@sctcc.edu

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