

St. Cloud Technical & Community College Surgical Technology Program

Current SCTCC Student- Information Packet

Welcome!

Health programs have specific requirements for students to complete.

This material is 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

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 and Outpatient Care Centers.

- The 3-year placement rate for the Surgical Technology program is 100%.
- The average Central MN hourly salary range is \$24.00 per hour.

Academic Advising Center - Current Student / Advisor Meetings

Current 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!

Definition of a *Current Student* is one that has:

- Completed the Admissions process and fully accepted to SCTCC AND
- Completed e-orientation and scheduled an initial appointment with an academic advisor OR
- Currently registered for classes at SCTCC as a current, accepted student.

Academic Advising Center: 320-308-5741

Email: aac@sctcc.edu

Surgical Technology Program application (2nd application):

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

Students can apply to the program 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. Minimum GPA 2.5 for the pre-requisite courses (see next page).

Applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC.
(cumulative GPA of 2.0 and cumulative completion rate of 67%)

Students who are on academic warning or probation will only be considered through an appeals process.

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

The Surgical Technology program is competitive and the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admissions standards.

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.

RE-TAKE Options: (consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses)

- Each pre-requisite course may be re-taken one time.

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 67%).

General Education pre-requisites include:

BLGY 1351 General Biology	4 credit
BLGY 2310 Human Anatomy/Physiology I (Prereq is BLGY 1351)	4 credit
BLGY 2320 Human Anatomy/Physiology II(Prereq is BLGY 2310)	4 credit
HLTH 1440 Medical Terminology	1 credit
CMST 2310 Interpersonal Communication (<u>MUST be CMST 2310</u>)	3 credit
DVRS 1302 Diversity & Social Justice	3 credit
PHIL 1320 Ethics	3 credit
Goal Area 1 Communications – Written (Example: ENGL 1302)	3 credit

Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work at SCTCC:

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

- Provide a copy of CPR card to the college when applying to the program (if not taken at SCTCC).
- Course options at SCTCC: EMSC 1480 (1 credit course) **OR** HBHE 1510 (Hour based course)

MATH Requirement:

- Accuplacer Arithmetic minimum score of” 58” **OR** Elementary Algebra minimum score of “42”. If scores are not met, consult with an Academic Advisor to discuss course options.
- Students may meet the math requirement due to previous college math course work, consult with an Academic Advisor.

Recommended to improve program acceptance:

- Complete Nurse Assistance course (HLTH 1402)
- Complete 12 or more pre-requisite credits at SCTCC

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

Start Date	Seats Available	Total # of Applicants	* Total # of Qualified Applicants	Average GPA in pre-requisites	** Earned AA, HSBF, Bachelor's degree OR Health Degree	** Earned 9 or more pre-requisite credits at SCTCC	** Completed Nurse Assistant course
Fall 2014	24	43	39	3.41	5	24	12
Fall 2015	24	54	39	3.41	7	22	15
Fall 2016	24	41	34	3.48	5	22	11
Fall 2017	24	42	39	3.49	6	23	12
Fall 2018	24	40	37	3.44	12	24	14

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

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

Application Timeline for the Surgical Technology Program at SCTCC

Estimated dates and are subject to Change!

Must be a Current SCTCC student to apply to the program

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

Notifications are sent to all applicants by April 1st each year

Accepted students are sent emails and letters. The top ranking 24 applicants offered admission to the Surgical Technology program must respond by the date noted in the acceptance letter to reserve their seat in the program.

Alternate List students will be notified of their status (not accepted to the program, currently on the alternate list).

Non-accepted applicants are notified and encouraged to meet with an Academic 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

- Students will be notified of the date and time for the mandatory Surgical Technology student registration and orientation, usually the 3rd week in May.
- Students MUST supply documentation of current AHA/Basic Life Support.
- Students will be required to take and pass a MN Criminal Background study, electronic fingerprinting AND drug testing (paid for by the student).

Students placed on the *Alternate List* for Surgical Technology program

- Applicants who meet the requirements but were not accepted because the program was full will be placed on a ranked alternate list.
- Students placed on this list will be eligible for admission to the program if spaces open prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- ALL students 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. In order 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
Pre-requisites credits:	= 25 credits
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
SURG 1424 Operating Room Techniques Lab	4 credit
TOTAL	11 credits

Spring Semester (second semester)

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

Summer Term (third semester)

SURG 1443 Surgical Procedures II	1 credit
SURG 1463 Operating Room Clinical Lab II	3 credit
TOTAL	4 credits

Estimated Cost of Program

- Tuition & Fees (64 credits) \$12,214
 - Books, Supplies, Materials \$ 3,181
- \$15,395**

Please visit <http://www.sctcc.edu/financial-aid> for tuition and fees rate, cost of credits and programs. Also, there is information on how to apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships.

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 of 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 course may be re-taken 1 time. Please check with an advisor before re-taking classes. Students may not receive Financial Aid for the re-take course.

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 & 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.

Clinical sites include two - ten week rotations at St. Cloud facilities (St. Cloud Hospital and Surgery Center, St. Cloud Surgical Center, and VA Medical Center). Also included are Willmar Hospital and Surgical Center, Brainerd Hospital and Surgical Center, Buffalo Hospital, Alexandria Hospital, Fairview Princeton Hospital, and Little Falls Hospital.

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

Checklist to Acceptance

Health Programs at St. Cloud Technical & Community College (For Students Currently Enrolled at SCTCC)

Cardiovascular Technology • Dental Assistant • Dental Hygienist • Paramedicine
Practical Nursing • Nursing (2-year RN) • Sonography • **Surgical Technology**

- Register for pre-requisite courses for intended health major (each semester you and an advisor will review your academic plan).

- Earn a high GPA to be considered for health majors.

- Apply to the health major when requirements have been met and the program application window is open.

For details, please refer back to the Packet Information.

Visit SCTCC! – Surgical Technology Information Session

Thank you for your interest in the Surgical Technology program at SCTCC!
We invite you to sign up for a Surgical Technology Information Session to learn more about the program. <https://www.sctcc.edu/infosessions/HEALTH>

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

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