

Surgical Technology - DE (AAS Completion Program)

Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

Contact Hours: 420

Semester Credits: 60

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 8 Months

Program Description

This is a degree completion program. This program is designed for students who are currently Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) interested in obtaining their Associate degree in Surgical Technology.

Program Overview

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Surgical Technology degree is a degree completion program for those who are currently Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) and graduates of an accredited certificate/diploma program in surgical technology/technologist. The Surgical Technology AAS program consists of two surgical technology or emphasis courses regarding surgical technology transitions and professional concepts plus the additional General Education courses required to achieve an associate degree. This program is delivered completely through distance education.

Admission to the Program

Students enrolled in the approved program must possess the following: A Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) credential, a certificate of completion/diploma in Surgical Technology, and a copy of the transcript for an accredited Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST), Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) or Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) program. The student will be awarded 32 semester credit hours upon verification of the CST credential.

Program Objectives

Upon completion, graduates will be prepared to:

- Implement current standards and trends in their surgical technology practice.
- Analyze the surgical technologist's role in the healthcare arena.
- Evaluate advanced career paths for the surgical technologist for professional growth and continuing education.
- Assess trends and advances in surgical technology to determine ethical, legal and professional implications.
- Think critically about standards of care, healthcare environments, and professional behavior.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CSTLIC*	CST License in Good Standing				32
SURG2310	Surgical Technology Professional Concepts	45	0	0	3
SURG2410	Surgical Technology Transitions	60	0	0	4
ENGL1310	English Composition I	45	0	0	3
BIOL1310	Anatomy & Physiology I	45	0	0	3
BIOL1320	Anatomy & Physiology II	45	0	0	3
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication	45	0	0	3

MATH Elective	MATH1310 Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320 College Algebra	45	0	0	3
Behavior Science Elective	PSYC1310: General Psychology or PSYC1320: Human Growth & Development or SOCI1310: Introduction to Sociology	45			3
HPRS1320	Foundations for Health Professions	45	0	0	3
Total		420	0	0	60

* An applicant who has a CST license in good standing with the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) and not revoked may be admitted with bridge status. Upon successful admission and verification of CST license the student will be awarded 32 semester credit hours.