



ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF SCIENCE IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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Surgical Technology Mission Statement	<i>The mission of the St Catharine Surgical Technology Program is to provide the student with quality didactic instruction with clinical internship study components. Those whom complete the didactic and clinical component requirements will be awarded the Associate in Science in Surgical Technology. Graduates from this program are able to function as an entry-level surgical technologist. The graduate will be eligible to take the Certified Surgical Technologist exam given by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)</i>
What is an Associate Degree in Surgical Technology?	A degree in surgical technology will allow you to work under medical supervision to ensure that the operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. A surgical technologist possesses expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique and combines the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.
How long will it take to complete the program?	The surgery technology major can be completed in two years. However, there are pre-requisite courses that must be completed prior to entering the surgical technology major.
How do I become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST)?	Students who have successfully completed the requirements for graduation will be eligible to sit for the certification examination offered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.
What courses do I need before entering the surgical technology major?	Academic courses are indicated for the surgery technology curriculum plan of study provided on the reverse side.
Where do I complete my clinical experiences?	In order to provide a well balanced clinical experience, health care agencies across central Kentucky are used for surgery technology experiences. Facilities used include: Richmond, Springview Hospital, Ephraim McDowell, Harrodsburg, Floyd Memorial (Indiana), Frankfort Regional Medical Center, Hardin Memorial, Flaget Hospital, St. Joseph (Lexington), and the VA Medical Center (Lexington).
How often are classes admitted?	A surgery technology class is admitted each fall. The number admitted depends upon clinical space and program availability.
What is the application process?	Steps of the application process and additional requirements are noted on the reverse side.
What do I need to do to be successful in the program?	Surgery technology is a demanding program of study. The majority of courses include classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences and range from 12-18 hours per week of time. Approximately three hours of study per credit hour is recommended each week. The ability to prioritize, organize one's time and have good study habits is critical for success in the program.
Is the program accredited?	Yes, the program is accredited with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) through the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST).

CURRICULUM PLAN OF STUDY

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Semester One

BIO 204	Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4)
ENG 101	English Composition I (3)
MAT 105	Contemporary Math <i>or higher</i> (3)
SOC/PSY	Social and Behavioral Sciences (6)

Semester Two

BIO 205	Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4)
HUM	Humanities Elective (3)
ENG 102	English Composition II (3)
CIS 110	Microcomputer Applications (3)
REL ---	Religion Course (3)

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY COURSES (Upon Admission to the Program)

Semester One

SRG 120	Fundamentals of Surgical Technology I (2)
SRG 130	Aseptic Technique with lab (3)
SRG 140	Principles and Practices of Surgical Technology. (3)
SRG 141	Principles and Practices Lab (1 st bi-term) (3)
SRG 145	Clinical Education (120 hours) (1)
SRG 150	Perioperative Patient Care (2)
SRG 160	Introduction to Surgical Procedures (2)
SRG 170	Surgical Pharmacology (2)

Semester Two

SRG 220	Fundamentals of Surgical Technology II (3)
SRG 221	Clinical Education II (360 hours) (3)
SRG 230	Surgical Procedures II (4)
SRG 240	Bio-Medical Sciences (2)
SRG 250	Professional Skills for
SRG 250	Surgical Skills for
	the Surgical Technologist (3)
HUM xxx	Humanities Elective (3)

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Admission to St. Catharine College

1. Complete St. Catharine College admission form.
2. An official high school or official GED scores.
3. Official transcripts from each college/university previously attended.
4. Complete all other admission requirements as requested by St. Catharine College.

* A student must first be admitted to St. Catharine College before applying to the Surgery Technology Program.

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program

1. Complete a Surgical Technology Program admission form
2. Have an overall GPA of at least 2.5
3. Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better prior to the fall term in which admitted to the Surgical Technology Program.
4. Attend an Orientation Session.

Upon admission to the Surgical Technology Program the student must complete the following:

1. A current CPR certification.
2. Physical exam form documenting childhood illnesses.
3. Immunization records including:
 - 2-step TB skin test
 - Rubella titer or two MMR's
 - Chickenpox titer or verification of the illness
 - Hepatitis B vaccine, series of 3 immunizations (1st vaccine must be completed by start of fall semester).
4. Police background check
5. Drug Screen

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Please contact ext. 1211 or ext. 1214 in the Financial Aid Office for information.

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