

HEALTH CAREER PROGRAMS

Surgical Technology
INFORMATION SESSION





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[Advising](#)

[Make an appointment](#) with Sandra Werner, the Academic Advisor who specializes in helping Surgical Technology Students.





Role of the Surgical Technologist (Case Management)

- Preoperative
 - Create the sterile field
- Intraoperative
 - Enter and maintain the sterile field
- Postoperative
 - Prepare for the next patient



Salary

- Nationally – approximately \$62,250 per year (\$29.93 per hour)
 - According to The [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- Illinois – average of \$27.51 per hour (Entry level \$25-30 per hour)
 - [Association of Surgical Technologists](#)



Job Outlook

Employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 6 percent from now to 2031. Advances in medical technology have made surgery safer, and more operations are being done to treat a variety of illnesses and injuries.

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)



Areas of Employment

- Primarily hospital operating rooms
- Surgery centers
- Birthing centers



[Photo Credit](#)



Accreditation

- Surgical Technology programs are accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([CAAHEP](#))



- Upon recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting ([ARC/STSA](#))





Certification

- Exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting ([NBSTSA](#))
- Required by the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation to obtain a license
- Graduates of accredited surgical technology programs are eligible to apply to take the certification exam





Professional Organization

[Association of Surgical Technologists](#)





Program Information – Associate Degree

- 2 Years (5 semesters)
- Full-time
- Daytime classes
- Classroom, Simulation Lab, Clinical Experience
 - Clinical Case Requirement (minimum of 120 Surgical Procedures)



Prerequisites

- High School Diploma or GED
- Attendance at a Surgical Technology Information Session
- Must score at the college level or better on the Reading and Writing placement exam or course equivalency
- Placement exam scores must not be more than two years old



Prerequisites

- Completion of prerequisite courses must not be more than five years old and all coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher
- A criminal history records check with no disqualifying convictions is required prior to admission to the program
- Surgical technology courses must be taken in sequence and all program requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher



Prerequisites

- Students must complete all health and clinical requirements (includes American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification, drug screening, and any additional information required by clinical site) prior to registration of SRT 205 and the requirement must be maintained through SRT 215



Prerequisites (continued)

Prior to Program Admission		Credit Hours
AHL 120	Comprehensive Medical Terminology	3
BIS 136	Functional Human Anatomy 1	4
Or		
BIS 240	Human Anatomy/Physiology 1	4
MAT 065	Foundations of Algebra	5
	Total Prerequisites	12



SRT Semester One

Semester One		Credit Hours
AHL 202	Comprehensive Medical Ethics	3
RHT 101	Freshmen Rhetoric & Composition 1	3
SRT 100	Surgical Technology Basics	3
SRT 110	Basic Surgical Skills Theory	3
SRT 111	Basic Surgical Skills Lab	3
	Semester One Total	15



SRT Semester Two

Semester Two		Credit Hours
BIS 222	Principles of Microbiology	4
SRT 120	Basic Surgical Procedures	5
SRT 121	Advanced Surgical Skills Lab	3
	Semester Two Total	12



SRT Semester Three

Semester Three		Credit Hours
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SRT 130	Specialty Surgical Procedures	6
SRT 131	Surgical Simulation Lab	3
	Semester Three Total	12



SRT Semester Four

Semester Four		Credit Hours
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SRT 200	Professional Development	6
SRT 205	Clinical Experience 1	3
	Semester Four Total	12



SRT Semester Five

Semester Five		Credit Hours
SPE 101	Principles of Effective Speaking	3
SRT 210	Certification Exam Prep	6
SRT 215	Clinical Experience II	3
	Semester Five Total	12
	Total Program Credits Required	63



Admission Procedure

- Attend [Information Session](#)
- Complete [College Application](#)
- Send or bring Official High School and/or College transcripts to the Admissions Office in B110
- Complete [Program Application](#)

Please contact your advisor for additional details



Selective Enrollment

(the most qualified students are accepted)

- Point system – Higher the grade/Higher the points



Application Deadlines

Application Deadline

- September 15th
- January 15th
- March 15th
- June 1st



If seats available

Click [HERE](#) to apply



Cost Summary (Tuition and Fees)

Please click [HERE](#) for details regarding current
Tuition and Fees.





Triton District Includes

Bellwood

Berkeley

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Forest Park

Franklin Park

Harwood Heights*

Hillside

Hines

LaGrange Park*

Maywood

Melrose Park

Norridge*

Northlake

North Riverside

Norwood Park*

Oak Park

River Forest

River Grove

Riverside

Rosemont*

Schiller Park

Stone Park

Westchester

*Indicates only a portion of the community is within the district



CAREER Program

Triton College participates in the Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources ([CAREER](#)), which allows students interested in completing an Associate of Applied Science or certificate program not offered at their home community college to receive in-district tuition at another participating community college. With prior approval, out of district students may enroll in an Applied Science program at Triton College that may not be available through their local community college. Students are encouraged to contact their home community college for approval to enroll in a specified program of study. Upon receipt of this approval, Triton College will assess them at the in-district rate.



Important Allergy Information!

If you have an allergy to latex, a career in healthcare may **NOT** be appropriate for you.

Please consult your physician.



Questions

Do you want to know:

- What will you see?
- How does it smell?
- When do I take my break/lunch?
- Physical demands of the profession?
- Attitudes of the team members?
- ???



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