Surgical Technology

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Program Description
Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are an integral part of the surgical team. Their primary role is to work with surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses and other surgical technologists in delivering patient care and assuming appropriate responsibilities before, during and after surgery.

Specifically, surgical technologists apply and maintain the principles of sterile technique and safety in the operating room; prepare, handle, and care for surgical instruments, supplies, equipment and medications; set up instrumentation, equipment and supplies for various surgical procedures; apply critical thinking skills to anticipate procedural steps and corresponding instrumentation; and pass surgical instrumentation, supplies, and medications to the surgeon during an operation.

The intensive 9-month surgery core portion of the program combines classroom lectures and discussions, laboratory demonstrations with hands-on practice, and supervised clinical experiences in actual patient care settings to provide students with a variety of learning opportunities.

Certification
Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the National Board Certifying Examination offered by the National Board for Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).

Accreditation
The Dixie State University Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). These organizations may be contacted at:

CAAHEP
25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158
Clearwater, FL 33763
(727) 210-2350
www.caahep.org (http://www.caahep.org)

ARC/STSA
6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 110
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www.arcstsa.org (http://www.arcstsa.org)

Course Prefixes
• SURG

Degrees & Certificates
• Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology (catalog.dixie.edu/programs/surgicaltechnology/associate_of_applied_science_in_surgical_technology)
Program Admission

To be considered for admission to the Surgical Technology program, an applicant must first be accepted as a Dixie State University student. The applicant must complete a separate application to the Surgical Technology program.

Surgical Technology is a limited-enrollment program and admits one class each fall. Surgical Technology program admission selection decisions are based on the cumulative scores achieved by applicants and are applied without regard to race, color, ethnic background, national origin, religion, creed, age, citizenship, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, and/or gender. Applicants must verify that they are able to perform the essential functions of a surgical technologist. Some of our clinical sites require that students be at least 18 years of age to be eligible for clinical rotation placement.

The Surgical Technology program admission selection process utilizes a points system designed to predict potential for student success in the program. In the event that qualifying applications receive identical scores, the date of receipt of the completed applications will be used to assign admission priority. Final selection will be made and students will be notified by email message to the student’s University email address. Admission to the program is considered **conditional** until candidate completes the remaining requirements as indicated in the conditional acceptance letter. An alternate list will be used to accommodate cancellations. Admissions will remain open until the class is filled.

Additional program application information can be found at [http://dixie.edu/health/surgical_technology/admissions.php](http://dixie.edu/health/surgical_technology/admissions.php).

**Required Prerequisite Courses**

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1 Grade of C or higher in prerequisite courses required.

**Surgical Technology Program Learning Outcomes**

Dixie State University Surgical Technology Program Graduates will be able to:

- Knowledge (Cognitive): Apply fundamental theoretical knowledge in the practice of surgical technology.
- Knowledge (Cognitive): Acquire and evaluate emerging surgical knowledge.
- Skill (Psychomotor): Perform the roles and duties of the surgical technologist at entry-level for employment.
- Values (Affective): Demonstrate professional behaviors expected of surgical technologists.
- Values (Affective): Demonstrate the effective use of reason and good judgment in surgical patient care situations.

**Career Information**

**Job Outlook**

Employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 15 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations.

**Salary Range**

The median annual wage for surgical technologists was $44,330 in May 2015. The lowest 10 percent of surgical technologists earned less than $31,410 annually, and the highest 10 percent earned more than $63,410 annually.

* From the Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2015