

If you have practiced surgical technology for at least three years and hold a current National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical First Assisting certification in Surgical Technology, then this program is for you. A surgical first assistant provides aid in exposure, hemostasis and other technical functions that will help the surgeon carry out a safe operation with optimal results for the patient.

Their main role is to work in the operating room of a hospital, surgery center, specialty center, doctor's office, or labor and delivery.

Certificate

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:
Certificate: 20.0



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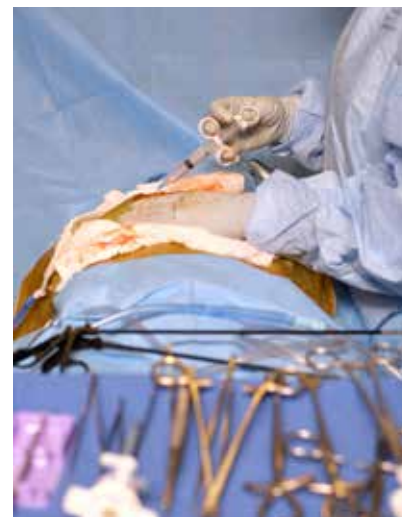
Program Overview

This program is offered via online delivery only. The online component is designed to accommodate all students, both in Lincoln and the surrounding areas. Students are required to travel to Lincoln to attend the lab portion of the course. Labs will take place on the Lincoln Campus and be scheduled early in the term by the program director. Students can expect to attend lab up to five times.

Students are required to find surgeons to act as preceptors and a clinical site affiliated with SCC in their area to complete their education. Student must be employed by this facility. The program director will assist in the process of obtaining the required agreement between facility and surgeon/preceptor. Students can work in conjunction with the local community college in their area to complete the prerequisite courses.

New program students are admitted every fall semester.

The National Surgical First Assisting Certification Examination will be administered before graduation. Upon verification of graduation from the program director, each student passing the exam will receive the official certification certificate from the National Board of Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants. The exam is administered through Applied Measurement Professionals Inc.



Top Career Options

- Surgical First Assistant
- Clinical Preceptor
- Private Scrub for a Surgeon
- Surgical First Assistant Clinical Instructor or Program Director



Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$24.88** per hour.

Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education pending, www.caahep.org, 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763, Phone: 727-210-2350, Fax: 727-210-2354.
 **New Program. No graduate salary Data available. Surgical First Assist is an advanced certificate for those who already have an AAS in Surgical Technology. The salary is based on the 75th percentile earnings for SCC's 15-county area for Surgical Technologists. (EMSI data; www.economicmodeling.com)

Special fees includes drug testing, criminal background check, study guide and certification exam.

2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	
Nebraska Resident	\$108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate	\$129
Estimated Expenses	
Tuition/Fees	\$ 2,160
Books	465
Special Fees	325
Tools/Supplies	85
Total:	\$3,035



Special Program Requirements

1. All students must receive a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 in the science courses. Science courses include Pathophysiology and, if needed, Anatomy and Physiology.
2. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by American Heart Association or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider by American Red Cross is required.
3. Submit completed Health Statement to the Health Sciences Division.
4. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this CBC. Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license.
5. Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted healthcare facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation. SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of \$35 to student account.
6. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray are required. Seasonal Flu immunization is required.
7. All SUFA courses completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress through the program.

Admission Requirements

1. Online application to the program
2. Complete admission checklist and criteria requirements (refer to www.southeast.edu/surgicalfirstassist)
3. Transcripts from CAAHEP Accredited Surgical Technology program showing completion of required program courses and sciences (Microbiology, Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathophysiology)
4. Current National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical First Assisting certification in Surgical Technology
5. Proof of employment showing 3 years practiced as surgical technologist

Surgical Technology Core Courses

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
SUFA1010	Advanced Surgical Anatomy	4.0
SUFA1020	Fundamentals of Surgical First Assisting	3.0
SUFA1030	Principles of Surgical First Assisting	2.0
SUFA1040	Bioscience	3.0
SUFA1050	Clinical Externship 1	4.0
SUFA1060	Clinical Externship 2	4.0
		20.0 hours total

General Education and Program Requirements

- Graduate of a CAAHEP accredited surgical technology program
- All sciences, including Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, must have a successful completion date of less than 10 years from start of program

