



Associate of Applied Science Degree

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:
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SCC has been a well-known educator of surgical technologists for nearly 50 years! Surgical technologists are surgical team members who prepare the operating room, hand instruments, assist the surgeon, and manage the instruments after surgery. Most of all, surgical technologists are rewarded daily knowing they have made a difference in a patient's life.

Program Overview

This program is located on the Lincoln Campus and online. The online component is designed to accommodate those students outside of the Lincoln area who are unable to commute to a Lincoln hospital for their clinical. Online students must live in the state of Nebraska to accommodate instructor visits.

Online students complete the didactic portion via their computer with the final exams being proctored at a pre-approved site in their area. Online students are required to travel to one of five distance lab sites to complete their lab portion. Distance labs are located in Norfolk, Kearney, Hastings/Grand Island, North Platte, and Lincoln. Labs generally are held one evening a week for the first term of the program. Online students who live outside of Lincoln, but within the 15-county area around Lincoln, will be required to attend one of the Lincoln labs held one morning a week for the first term.

Online students will be required to find a clinical site at one of the pre-approved clinical sites in which SCC has affiliation agreements. This clinical portion is required to be able to complete the program. To get a better understanding of the SCC affiliated sites, call the program director for assistance. Online students can work in conjunction with the local community college in their area to complete the prerequisite courses needed prior to starting the program.

New program students are admitted for the Spring term which begins in January.

The National Certification Exam 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

- Certified Surgical Technologist
- Labor and Delivery Surgical Technologist



Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$18.10 per hour.

This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, www.caahep.org, 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763, Phone: 727-210-2350, Fax: 727-210-2354.

Distance Education Tuition/Fees would be \$8,965 making the total \$10,181.

2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	
Nebraska Resident	\$108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate	\$129
Estimated Expenses	
Tuition/Fees	\$ 7506
Books	604
Special Fees	612
Tools/Supplies	0
Total: \$8,758	

Types of jobs available

Surgical technologists' main role is to work in the operating room of a hospital, surgery center, specialty center, doctor's office, or labor and delivery. Other jobs may include surgery scheduler, materials manager, clinical preceptor, education coordinator, tissue/organ procurement technologist, private scrub for a surgeon, sterile processing manager, medical sales representative, traveling surgical technologist, clinical instructor, and program director.

Admission Requirements

1. Online application to the program
2. Submit program admission requirements (see program admission checklist-criteria on program website for requirements): www.southeast.edu/surgtech/
3. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)

General Education Requirements

Oral Communications 3.0
Written Communications 3.0
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving 3.0

PSYC1250 or PSYC1810 or SOCI1010 (recommended)

Sciences – (3 courses required)

Microbiology (Microbiology with lab) 4.0
Human Anatomy with lab 4.0
Human Physiology with lab 4.0

(Human Anatomy & Physiology I, and Human Anatomy & Physiology II also work as a substitute for Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab courses).

21.0 hours

MEDA1101 Basic Medical Terminology 1.5

MEDA1207 Pharmacology & Dosage Calculations 2.0
3.5 hours

Surgical Technology Core Courses

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
SURT1620	Foundations of Surgical Technology	5.0
SURT1630	Surgical Procedures 1	6.0
SURT1640	Introduction to Surgical Technology	5.0
SURT1730	Surgical Procedures 2	4.0
SURT1740	Principals of Surgical Technology	3.0
SURT1750	Clinical Education 1	6.0
SURT1830	Surgical Procedures 3	4.0
SURT1850	Clinical Education 2	8.0
SURT1940	Senior Seminar	4.0
	Semester hours	45 hours

Special Program Requirements

1. All students must receive a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 in the general education courses and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the science courses. Science courses include Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology. General education courses include oral communication, written communication, social science, and related courses required by the programs, such as Medical Terminology and Pharmacology and Dosage Calculations.
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 prior to starting the program.
3. Submit completed Health Statement to the Health Sciences Division.
4. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in the 1st term of 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, and a Seasonal Flu immunization is required prior to starting the program.
7. All SURT courses completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress through the program.

