Surgical First Assist

2020-21 Program of Study

If you are a certified surgical technologist with three years of work experience who wants to expand your role and responsibilities in surgical procedures while continuing to do what you love, this program is for you! Program graduates will be able to apply for a Nebraska license to practice.

SCC is the Right Choice

• We offer the only program of its kind in the Midwest, and we're one of only 12 nationwide
• Classes are online, with the lab portion on the Lincoln Campus
• You can be employed full time and complete your clinical experience and get paid
• Receive instruction in laparoscopic simulation, skills check-offs and wound closure
• New students are admitted each Fall Semester
• Note: You must be a certified surgical technologist with at least three years of experience and employed in a facility that can give you a variety of cases in which to learn.
• The National Surgical First Assisting Certification Examination will be administered before graduation. Upon verification of graduation from the program and the passing of the examination, the graduate can apply for a license to practice in the state of Nebraska.

"The SFA program has expanded my knowledge and helped me take the next affordable step in my career. I absolutely love surgery and would love to become a P.A., but the years and expense that would take are overwhelming. This program has given me the tools and experience needed to continue my growth from a CST to an SFA and possibly some day, a P.A. The added responsibilities are exactly what I was looking for. Always keep learning and expanding your knowledge!"

- Kari Nelson, current student

Please see the program's website for information related to topics that include, but are not limited to, accreditation, state licensure or certification requirements, and other disclosures. SCC strives to promote transparency and encourages students to review the information carefully.

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2020-2021 Resident Estimated Expenses

Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour $111
Resident Tuition/Fees $2,664
Books $337
Supplies $8
Tools $80
Special Fees $362
Total: $3,471

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 salary of **$58,872 per year.

**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)