



DEGREE CODE:
AAS 0267

PATHWAY: Surgical Technology

Visit your College Advisor, ccc.edu, or your college's Transfer Center for more information.

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in surgical technology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Surgical Technology.

The AAS degree program in Surgical Technology is designed for surgical technologists (formerly called operating room technicians) who perform many different responsibilities in the operating room. They act as the scrub person, as the circulator, and as the first assistant on the surgical team. Surgical technologists' responsibilities involve preparing the operating room and instruments, equipment, and supplies that will be needed; positioning and preparing the patient for surgery; and passing instruments, sponges, and sutures to the surgeon. Surgical technologists are the surgical team's experts in aseptic technique, being constantly vigilant for any break in the technique that could endanger the sterile field. Surgical technologists belong to a separate non-nursing profession and are highly skilled, having completed the necessary specialized education and training focused on working in the operating room. The preferred entry-level education for the surgical technologist is the associate degree.

Prospective students must apply for admission into the Surgical Technology program

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students can make formal application to the program when all pre-admission coursework is completed, or when pre-admission coursework completion will occur before the beginning of Semester I of the program. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each pre-admission and general education course. If more candidates apply than the program can accept, the best qualified will be admitted.

- Provide official transcripts of all college courses taken by applicant
- Complete all of the program prerequisites
- Conduct a personal interview with program personnel
- Admissions cumulative 2.50 GPA
- Complete the Surgical Technology Application Packet

BACKGROUND CHECK

Students entering most healthcare professions programs will be required to present documentation of health history and vaccination status, to undergo annual tuberculosis screening, to submit to a background check, to submit to initial and random drug screening, and to undergo fingerprinting prior to licensing with the state of Illinois. Students should consult with an advisor if any of these requirements are a concern.

CLINICAL HOURS

Clinical hours are Monday through Friday and can include any of three shifts at a designated clinical site. The student must be willing to take any location and any shift the program faculty deem appropriate for their success. They cannot be substituted for a paid employee once at a clinical site and will not be compensated for their duties performed there.

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

D	PROGRAM PREREQUISITES	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Biology 121—Biology I (5)	Program Prerequisite	DO THIS—Apply to the Surgical Technology Program
•	Biology 226—Human Structure and Function I (4)	Program Prerequisite	
•	Biology 120—Terminology for Medical Careers (3)	Program Prerequisite	
•	English 101—Composition I (3)	Program Prerequisite	
15 CREDIT HOURS			
D	SEMESTER 1: FALL I	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Surgical Technology 111—Intro to Surgical Technology (4)	Required Program Core	DO THIS—Meet with advisor to confirm plans
•	Surgical Technology 112—Application of Aseptic Technique (5)	Required Program Core	
•	Biology 227—Human Structure and Function II (4)	Life Sciences	
13 CREDIT HOURS			
D	SEMESTER 2: SPRING I	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Surgical Technology 114—Surgical Interventions I (5)	Required Program Core	DO THIS—Meet with advisor to confirm plans
•	Surgical Technology 113—Surgical Pharmacology (4)	Required Program Core	
•	Surgical Technology 116—Surgical Interventions II (5)	Required Program Core	
14 CREDIT HOURS			

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D	SEMESTER 3: FALL II	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Surgical Technology 212–Clinical Practicum I (8)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	DO THIS –Meet with advisor to confirm plans
•	Math 118–General Education Math (4)	<i>Mathematics/Science</i>	
12 CREDIT HOURS			
D	SEMESTER 4: SPRING II	CATEGORY	ACHIEVEMENTS & NEXT ACTIONS
•	Surgical Technology 213–Clinical Practicum II (8)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	COMPLETION –of Associate in Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology
•	Surgical Technology 215–Exam Review and Professional Success (2)	<i>Required Program Core</i>	
•	Sociology 202–Sociology of Urban Life (3)	<i>Social & Behavioral Sciences</i>	
13 CREDIT HOURS			
DEGREE MINIMUM: 67 CREDIT HOURS // PATHWAY TOTAL: 76 CREDIT HOURS			

D = DEGREE // AC = ADVANCED CERTIFICATE // BC = BASIC CERTIFICATE

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