

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Program Admission Criteria

The Surgical Technology program accepts applicants twice a year. Students can find applications and submission deadlines on the San Jacinto College Surgical Technology web page (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/surgical-tech/>).

Students must apply for admission to the department of Surgical Technology by submitting a formal application to the department and by submitting all required official documents to the Office of Admissions.

In accordance with Texas House Bill 1508, the College informs all students in this program who may have a criminal background that a criminal history could keep graduates from being licensed by the state of Texas. Students with any questions about their background and licensure may speak with the Department Chair.

A criminal background check and drug testing are mandatory along with immunizations, physical examination, proof of health insurance, and proof of American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training, Basic Life Support (CPR-BLS).

Students who apply for admission will be selected based on their completion of the prerequisite coursework and their total score on the application rubric, as posted on the San Jacinto College website. Applicants must complete prerequisite courses with the grade of C or better in each course. Meeting minimal entry requirements does not guarantee program admission. Students must attend a Mandatory Information Session prior to submission of their application, as posted on the San Jacinto College website Surgical Technology page (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/surgical-tech/>).

Admission Requirements

This is a selective admission program. Class size is determined by the availability of clinical space with acceptance being based on the score on the Admissions Scoring Rubric. Rubric scores are based on grades in the pre-requisite courses and GPA along with several other factors. Limited enrollment ensures a quality laboratory and clinical experience

as needed to become a competent, entry-level surgical technologist. To be considered for selection to the Surgical Technology program, the following steps must be completed:

For credit earned in a required biology course to be applicable to the Surgical Technology program, credit must have been earned within the past five years and the grade earned must have been a C or above. Credit earned in a required biology course exceeds the five-year stipulation if the credit was earned five or more years prior to the first term in which the student enrolls into the program.

1. Be admitted to San Jacinto College. All students must apply Online using the Apply Texas website at www.applytexas.org. There is no charge to apply.
2. Provide Official Transcripts
 - a. High School Diploma or GED Certificate required.
 - b. Students with any transfer credits must have college transcripts evaluated by San Jacinto College (admissions transcript evaluation) prior to submitting an application.
 - c. Surgical Technology Program Director has final approval of all transferred courses that apply toward the degree in Surgical Technology.
 - d. Transcripts from other colleges must be official and sent to the Office of Admissions.
3. Completion of all of the prerequisite courses listed below, with a minimum grade of C, before admission to the program.
4. Attend a mandatory information meeting as posted on the San Jacinto College website.
5. Complete and submit a Surgical Technology application by the deadline as posted on the San Jacinto College website.

Prerequisites

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 2404	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology (lecture & lab) *	4
HPRS 1206	Essentials of Medical Terminology	2
HPRS 1201	Introduction to Health Professions	2
Mathematics		3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3

* Students who have already completed:
BIOL 2301 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture),
BIOL 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab),
BIOL 2302 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture), and
BIOL 2102 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lab)
may use this combination instead of BIOL 2404 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology (lecture & lab).

Applicants to the Surgical Technology program will be notified regarding their program admission status within two weeks after the application deadline. Applicants who are not selected for admission to the Surgical Technology program may reapply. Applicants who are accepted for admission, but do not accept the position or do not complete the enrollment process, must reapply to be considered for future admission. It is the student's responsibility to stay current with any changes in the program requirements. A student currently on academic probation is ineligible to apply to the Surgical Technology program.

After acceptance into the program, an applicant must have a physical examination by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner; must submit documentation of updated immunizations as required by the clinical sites; must provide proof of American Heart Association CPR training, *Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support*; and must submit all documents to CastleBranch, along with a specified fee. A criminal background check and drug screen are required for all health science students attending clinical courses, and are required prior to admission to the Surgical Technology program.

Student Progression

If a student earns a grade of D, F, FX, W, or I in a Surgical Technology (SRGT or HPRS) course, the student will not be permitted to continue or to graduate from the program until that course has been repeated and a grade of C or above has been earned. Two grades of D, F, FX, W, or I in any combination from SRGT and HPRS courses will result in dismissal from the program.

Students are required to purchase uniforms and accessories specified by the Surgical Technology program. Each student is responsible for their own transportation to the clinical areas and all required parking fees.