

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Information

Surgical technologists are an integral part of the surgical team, and work closely with nurses and surgeons to provide the best possible care for the patient during the intraoperative phase of a surgical procedure. Surgical technologists are responsible for assisting during surgery by passing instruments and other equipment to the surgeon in a prescribed manner and maintaining sterility throughout the surgical procedure.

The goal of the Surgical Technology program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to gain employment as entry-level surgical technologists, and to become contributing members of the health care team. The program curriculum is a balance of theoretical and technical courses, with supervised clinical experience at area hospitals. This combination provides the student an opportunity for educational development and skill competency.

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the

Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
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www.caahep.org (<http://www.caahep.org>)

effective until 2024. Upon completion of the program, the student is granted an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and is eligible to take the National Certification Examination given by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College.

Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.

This is a selective admission program. Class size is determined by the availability of clinical space with acceptance being based on grades in the pre-requisite courses. 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 (<http://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.

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisites		
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
Total Credits		14

* 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).