

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.

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.

Students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree after graduation from San Jacinto College may want to consider programs in the Western Governors University (WGU) College of Health Professions. WGU will accept credit for students with an AAS in Surgical Technology. Interested students may find more information on the WGU website (<https://partners.wgu.edu/Pages/transfer-iid-1154.html>).