

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



## Program Information

If you are interested in providing hands-on patient care in a fast-paced hospital environment, a degree in Surgical Technology may be the challenge to kick-start a satisfying medical career. As an integral part of every hospital operating room, surgical technologists are highly valued players with responsibilities that include assisting surgeons and working with registered nurses, anesthesiologists, and other hospital staff to care for the surgical patient.

The San Jacinto College Surgical Technology program:

- Offers a curriculum that combines classroom theory with supervised clinical practicum;
- Offers students hands-on operating room experience on how to prepare equipment, surgical supplies, and medications, pass instruments to surgeons and assistants, monitor counts, care for specimens for lab analysis, and apply dressings, as well as operate lights, suction machines, and endoscopy equipment; and
- Trains students for surgical and post-surgical procedures that meet Universal Standards/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines.

## Program Accreditation

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Upon receiving the AAS degree, the graduate is eligible to take the National Certification exam by the National Board of Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants. The state of Texas requires all surgical technologists to be certified.

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## Career Opportunities

Hospitals are the primary employers of surgical technologists.

Private specialty practices such as ophthalmology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, and plastic/reconstructive surgery also hire surgical technologists.

There has been an increase of surgical technologists seeking the Certified First Assistant position. With the AAS and further training, the Licensed Surgical Assistant (LSA) is qualified to work in a specialty position with a surgeon or a group.

## Earning Potential

Surgical Technologist: \$59,576<sup>1</sup> per year

<sup>1</sup> Source: [texaswages.com](http://texaswages.com) (<http://texaswages.com>), median salary Gulf Coast region, 2022

For additional information, students may contact 281-478-3612.

## Campus

Central Campus

## Links

For application packet and information session details, students may go to the Surgical Technology page (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/surgical-tech/>) on the College website.