



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



STUDENT APPLICATION PACKET 2022-2023

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TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Surgical Technologist is a vital member of the Surgical Team. Surgical technologists, also called surgical or operating room technologists, assist in operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. Before an operation, surgical technologists help set up the operating room with surgical instruments and equipment, and sterile solutions, they assemble, adjust, and check nonsterile equipment to ensure that all is working properly. Technologists also prepare patients for surgery by washing, shaving, and disinfecting incision sites. They transport patients to the operating room and help position them on the operating table. Technologists also observe patients' vital signs and check charts. The technologist helps the surgical team don sterile gowns and gloves, and apply the sterile surgical "drapes" prior to the start of the surgical procedure.

During surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons and surgeon assistants. They may hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments. Surgical technologists help prepare, care for, and dispose of specimens taken for laboratory analysis and may help apply dressings. They may operate sterilizers, lights, or suction machines, and help operate diagnostic equipment.

After an operation, surgical technologists may help transfer patients to the recovery room, and clean and restock the operating room.

This program provides classroom education and supervised clinical experience. Students take courses in anatomy and physiology, microbiology, pharmacology, professional ethics, medical terminology, speech, computers and psychology. Other studies cover the care and safety of patients during surgery, aseptic techniques and surgical procedures. Students also learn to sterilize instruments; prevent and control infection; and handle special drugs, solutions, supplies and equipment.

Surgical Technologists must possess manual dexterity to handle instruments efficiently and quickly. They also must be conscientious, orderly, and emotionally stable to handle the demands of the operating room environment. Technologists must respond quickly and have a full understanding of the procedures so that they may anticipate the needs of the surgeons without having to be asked for instruments or supplies. They are expected to keep abreast of new developments in the field.

Technologists advance by specializing in a particular area of surgery, such as orthopedics, neurosurgery or open heart surgery. They may also work as circulating technologists. A circulating technologist is the "unsterile" person during the procedure that interviews the patient before surgery, keeps a written account of the surgical procedure and answers the surgeon's questions about the patient during the surgery. With additional training, some technologists advance to first assistants, who help with retracting, sponging, suturing, cauterizing bleeders, and closing and treating wounds. Some surgical technologists manage central supply departments in hospitals or take positions with insurance companies, sterile supply services, and operating equipment firms.

Most surgical technologists work in hospitals. They spend much of their time on their feet.

This program is a hybrid program offered only during the day. A combination of online didactic instruction and face to face lab/clinical training is provided.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

The responsibilities, expectations and personal characteristics desired of a Surgical Technologist include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Ability to work under stress.
- Alertness of mind to think and plan logically to organize work.
- Ability to anticipate in patients and surgeons' needs.

Ability and interest in learning and transferring knowledge to clinical situations.

Ability to work effectively with people in authority and with co-workers.

Ability to accept constructive criticism and show behavioral change.

Physical stamina ability to stand for long periods of time, without breaks, for 4 to 6 hours or longer during procedures and have good bladder control for extended periods - 4 to 6 hours or longer.

Ability to reach and lift heavy (20 lbs. or more) operating room instruments and equipment.

Ability to help lift and move anesthetized surgical patients (some may weigh in excess of 200 lbs).

Ability to adapt to early morning work schedule, rotating shifts and to be “on-call” for emergency surgery.

Must possess the following personal characteristics:

- Personal integrity

- Emotional stability

- Flexibility

- Ability to establish and maintain effective interpersonal relationships

No active skin conditions such as psoriasis, eczema, or allergic reactions to soaps, latex gloves, or strong chemical solutions

- Normal vision glasses or contact lenses are acceptable

Normal hearing - a surgical technologist needs to be able to hear and clearly understand masked surgeons and surgical team members

- No substance abuse

- Must be free of active contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, etc.

Digital dexterity, e.g.: able to handle surgical instruments with both left and right hands at an extremely rapid pace, able to supinate and pronate at the wrist

- Must be willing to dedicate 4 to 5 hours daily to studies.**

- Aware of possible exposure to communicable diseases and unpleasant sights, odors, and materials.

American Disability Act notice

“Texas State Technical College Harlingen will abide by the American Disability Act and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Because the duties of this program are vigorous, if you have a disability, Texas State Technical College Harlingen encourages you the applicant to disclose disability that may necessitate academic accommodations, policy modifications, and/or adaptive equipment that may allow you to participate on an equal basis the functions set forth by this program. Support Service Office is the indicated office in which applicants can disclose and obtain information regarding accommodations. Support Service Office is located in the Auxiliary Building and can be contacted at 956-364-4520/voice or 956-364-4526/ TDD. Applicants are encouraged to self-disclose in a timely manner.”

EMPLOYMENT

Most graduates are employed by hospitals, mainly in operating and delivery rooms. Others are employed in clinics, surgical centers, and in the office of physicians and dentists who perform outpatient surgery.

JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 12 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations.

Advances in medical technology have made surgery safer, and more operations are being done to treat a variety of illnesses and injuries

Job opportunities will be best for technologists who are certified and for those who are willing to relocate.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Visit the following websites to learn more about Surgical Technology:

Association of Surgical Technologists (www.ast.org)

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) (www.nbstsa.org)

Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology and surgical assisting (www.arcstsa.org)

EARNINGS

The median annual wage for surgical technologists according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics is \$52, 950 in May 2021.

Most surgical technologists work in hospitals full time. They spend much of their time on their feet. Surgical technologists employed in hospitals may work or be on call during nights, weekends, and holidays. They may also be required to work shifts lasting longer than 8 hours.

Benefits provided by most employers include paid vacation and sick leave; health, medical, vision, dental, and life insurance; and a retirement program. A few employers also provide tuition reimbursement and child care benefits.

CERTIFICATION

Graduates from TSTC will take the National Certifying Exam (CST) upon graduation. If successful in passing the CST exam, they may then use the designation Certified Surgical Technologist, or CST. Continuing education or re-examination is required to maintain certification, which must be renewed every two years or obtain 30 CEUs in a 2 year cycle.

Texas graduates must now be certified in order to get employment.

The certification success rate for August 1, 2020 through September, 2021 was 64%.

Work Environment:

As a Surgical Technology student, you will be exposed to potentially infectious blood and body fluids. Texas State Technical College will not be held responsible for any injury sustained during clinical experiences.

Students will be required to purchase Accident and needlestick insurance through TSTC. In addition, you are encouraged to purchase medical insurance.

I also understand that as a Surgical Technology student, I will be required to obtain the Hepatitis B vaccinations, Flu shot, MMR, Varicella, TB test, Tdap, Meningitis vaccine and any other vaccinations that are required by the clinical site.

The hospitals (clinical sites) have the right to conduct a random drug screen test when deemed necessary.

Surgical Technology Program Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements

1. Completion of all admission requirements to Texas State Technical College.
2. Submit official high school and college transcripts from previously attended schools to the Office of Admissions.
3. Applicants for admission to the college are required to take a placement test (i.e. TSI.) unless otherwise exempt. For information about exemptions or testing contact the Admissions and Records Office (956-364-4319). Students who do not pass all sections of TSI will be required to remediate the sections not mastered.
4. Complete financial aid application. If you are applying for federal financial aid, complete the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) for the Pell Grant and other financial aid. Contact the financial aid office for more information on other grants, scholarships, student loans, or sponsoring agencies such as WIA, or DARS. Veterans should contact their local VA officer on campus.
5. Must meet with an **Enrollment Coach Samantha Resendez (956-364-4336)** in order to register for the academic course requirements. Advisor will guide the student through the TSI placement test results and general academic process to prepare the student for applying to the SRGT courses.

Steps to be a candidate for the ST Program (20 students admitted)

1. Must Attend a Surgical Technology Program Webex Information Session .
2. Application submission to the Surgical Technology Program begins on **May 9, 2022 for Fall cohort**. Deadline for applications is **June 17, 2022 at 3 pm**. Spring applications will be accepted from **October 2, 2022** thru **October 31, 2022 by 3pm**. Electronic Application must have TSTC transcript and immunizations documentation record uploaded. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
3. Completion of the Surgical Technology Aptitude Test (**HESI**). **ST department will set up dates**. More information can be found at www.atitest.com/images
4. Completion of Criminal Background Check to be conducted by **Group One**. **SRT department will send link**. Prior and present felony convictions may restrict admission into the program, depending on the specific nature of the crime. Each circumstance will be reviewed on an individual basis.
The background check will be the responsibility of the student
5. Proof of hospital experience required in order to receive allotted points.
6. Students who apply to the fall cohort and are not accepted, but meet the qualifications, will have the opportunity to be selected for the spring 2023 cohort without re-submitting an application or background check. Students will be accepted to the spring cohort based on highest points achieved on TEAS or HESI, experience, and GPA. Students can choose to retake the HESI exam for a higher score or keep their original score. The spring cohort will consist of 20 students.
7. A minimum of 50% cumulative score on the HESI exam is required to be considered a candidate for selection.

SRGT Class Entry Requirements

1. **Completion or in progress to complete academic courses before applying to the select semester. Students with less than three General academics needed are eligible to apply for the program.**
2. Current immunization documentation must be validated prior to attending clinical rotations.
3. Proof of MMR x2 shots, Varicella x2 shots, (history of varicella not accepted) and Tdap, **Student will be responsible for getting their immunizations**. All immunizations must be validated by the medical facility. All facilities require the COVID vaccine in order to be eligible to participate in clinical rotations.
4. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.0 Grade Point Average and have a minimum of a "C" or better to be accepted.
5. **Must have a Social Security Number to obtain employment and admission into the program.**
6. The applicant must be in good physical and mental health. The applicant must be able to meet the physical requirements of the educational program, as detailed in the form. Applicant’s signature denotes ability to meet the essential physical and mental requirements. In the event that applicant cannot meet the requirements at any time throughout the entire course, he or she must voluntarily withdraw from the program.

Once accepted to program the following will be required:

1. TB test (at health clinic or your health care provider) must be done one week prior to start of program. Results must be submitted on 1st class day.
2. Current physical examination from your health care provider. Physical forms must be submitted to clinical coordinator.
3. Completion of all immunizations must verified by clinical coordinator
4. Drug screen test (test fee \$ 35.00 est.), dates will be set up by ST department prior to start of SRGT courses. If student fails the drug screen test they will automatically be disqualified and not allowed into the SRGT courses. **Doctors Hospital of Renaissance may require a drug screen test prior to the start of the 2nd semester clinical rotations.**
5. Current seasonal flu shot is required in order to attend clinical (must be taken during the month of October). When submitting your flu shot record, it must contain the following information: (Expiration Date, Manufacturer, and Lot Number). **Covid vaccine is highly recommended however not required by TSTC at this time. All hospitals require students to be vaccinated in order to gain privileges to their hospital. The student has the right to refuse vaccination however, it will affect the student's ability to obtain cases towards the 120 required to complete the program and be eligible to take the National Certifying Exam.**

Selection Process for Applicants

1. The program director and academic advisors will review all submitted applications to make sure all forms have been received, are properly completed, and minimum requirements met.
2. Students will be selected to enter SRGT 1405/1409/1491 based on the GPA, the results of the HESI test, completion of required academic courses, completion of required immunizations, and completion of criminal background check. Students will be ranked accordingly and will be accepted into the program. (Admission rank form attached)
3. Students will be notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance via email.
4. The admitted candidates will be notified of a meeting to complete class registration forms and other related forms.

The Surgical Technology Program accepts 20 students per class.

**TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
STUDENT ADMISSION RANK FORM**

Applicant's Name: _____ Id#: _____ Date: _____

Semester: _____ Criteria: _____

Aptitude Test Results: HESI

Composite %: _____

Composite%	Points Awarded
(90)	05
(80)	04
(70)	03
(60)	02
(50)	01

<u>Cumulative GPA</u>	Points Awarded
3.5-4.0	15
3.0-3.4	10
2.0-2.9	05

Immunization Complete *Incomplete (Immediate disqualification)

Hepatitis B Series, MMR, Varicella, TDAP, COVID

Drug Screen Passed*

Background Check*

Allied Health Experience

Points Awarded

Qualifying work experience (medical field) (maximum of 5 points)

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Post-Secondary Education

Points Awarded

AAS/BA

Qualifying Medical degree (maximum of 5 points)

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Other (maximum of 3 points)

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Total Points Earned:

Accepted

Not Accepted

Alternate

***(Not to include SRGT courses)**

Total Points: _____

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK/ DRUG TESTING POLICY

Purpose

Community Standards for criminal background checks were developed in conjunction with the Valley Health Industry Committee to meet clinical agency compliance with The Joint Commission standards pertaining to human resource management. The Joint Commission requires verification of competency of all individuals who have direct contact with patients or employees; this includes students doing clinical rotations in the facility. Competency extends beyond technical skills to an individual's criminal history.

Successful completion of a criminal background check and drug testing is required for admission into the Surgical Technology Program. Background checks and drug testing will be honored for the duration of the student's enrollment in the clinical program if the participating student has not had a break in the enrollment at the college/school. A break in enrollment is defined as non-attendance of one full semester or more. The above information must be verifiable through the college/school.

Criminal Background Check

A. Criminal background checks should review a person's criminal history seven (7) years back from the date of application. The check should include the cities and counties of all known residences not just the Rio Grande Valley area. The following histories will disqualify an individual from consideration for the clinical rotation:

1. Registered sex offenders
2. Health and Human Services- Office of Inspector General List of excluded individuals, U.S. General Services Administration excluded parties list, Employee Misconduct Registry, U.S. Treasury- Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) List of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, excluded providers in Medicaid and Title XX provider data.
3. Felony convictions
4. Felony deferred adjudications involving crimes against persons
5. Theft- Class B or above
6. Weapons violations
7. Violence- Class B or above
8. Drugs- Class B or above
9. Abuse and Neglect

Disclaimers

Successful completion of a criminal background check does not ensure future employment.

Clinical agencies can establish more stringent standards, if they so desire, to meet regulatory requirements for their facility. Clinical agencies can conduct additional background checks and drug testing at their discretion.

If a student is found to be ineligible for clinical placement any time during the program, the student is unable to meet clinical learning objectives and will be withdrawn pending resolution of the situation.

DWI-Multiple offenses could affect ability to obtain or retain employment in a health care setting.

The student has the right to challenge reported discrepancies upon review, however the student must request in writing to Surgical Technology program in order to review completed background report and to verify discrepancies. The student must be cleared of all discrepancies one week prior to the commencement of the program of study in order to be eligible for class admittance.

Allocation of Cost

Cost of the criminal background check and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student:

Completion of Criminal Background Check to be conducted **by Group one. The cost will be \$45.00**

For additional questions, please contact:
Anna San Pedro CST, MCJ (alsanpedro@tstc.edu)
Program Director
Surgical Technology Program
Texas State Technical College
956-364-4810

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG TESTING GUIDELINES

1. Health students entering any of the Valley Area Hospitals must meet the Community Standards criteria to participate in clinical.
2. The criminal background check is performed **by Group One**. Students must have a viable email address. A link will be emailed so that students can complete the process. You will have 7 days to complete once link is sent to you
3. All student reports will be submitted to the Surgical Technology program Department.
4. No reports are sent directly to the clinical facilities. The college will send written notification to the facility stating that the students have been approved for clinical training. Doctor Hospital at Renaissance is the only hospital that requires a hard copy of the background check.
If background check is failed, the student will not be allowed to enroll in the SRGT courses.
5. Students identified as having a report that inhibits their attendance to clinical will not be allowed to enroll in the allied health program of choice.
6. Students wishing to appeal the decision regarding the background check are eligible to use the normal academic appeal procedure. The student must submit a written request to the Surgical Technology Department.
7. Any student found to have illegal or unauthorized drugs in their drug screen test will not be allowed to attend clinical for a year and will need to reapply for admission or readmission depending on their status. Subsequent approval to attend will depend on a clean drug test.

Drug screen test will be conducted prior to the first semester of SRGT courses.

A random drug screen test may be conducted during SRGT 1461 or SRGT 2462. Please be advised that any concern or allegation of drug use will require further investigation and may result in automatic dismissal of the program if a student refuses to drug test.

Clinical Entry Requirements:

1. Current physical examination with all of the required immunizations.
2. The student must purchase malpractice (liability) insurance, needle stick and accident insurance by the first week of class. **Medical insurance is the responsibility of student.**
3. The student must complete and obtain a passing grade in a CPR class during the month of September.
4. The student must purchase all required uniforms and supplies to attend hospital rotations.
5. The student must have completed the Hepatitis B series, Covid Vaccine ,proof of MMR/ Varicella two shot series, Tdap, and TB Test.
6. Immunizations must be updated with personal physician.
7. Students are required to have the **Flu vaccine** during the fall semester.

Clinical requirements must be complete to participate in a clinical internship.

Note: Applicants should be aware that meeting all the Surgical Technology criteria, achieving passing grades throughout the curriculum, and completing the entire curriculum does not guarantee employment in the Surgical Technology field.

The State of Texas now requires the Certified Surgical Technologist credential in order to gain employment.

Surgical Technology Program Graduation Requirements

All SRGT courses described in the SRT degree plan must attain a 78% passing grade.

All graduates of a CAAHEP accredited program must take the CST exam.

Certifying exam (CST) will be administered by NBSTSA after graduation. The program must have a 70% pass rate on all students taking the national exam in order to comply with accreditation standards. Completion of clinical case requirements as stated on the core curriculum.

Surgical Technology Program Re-Admission Policy

1. A student will only be allowed re-admission into the Surgical Technology Program once. If a student is not successful after being readmitted into the program, a two (2) year waiting period will be required before he/she may reapply.
2. Any student re-applying for the Surgical Technology Program must have a **2.0 GPA** and "C" or better in all academic courses.
3. Students who have been out more than one year will have to show clinical competency in the following skills in order to gain acceptance into the program: 78% minimum passing score for **Hand scrub, Gowning and Gloving, Laparotomy Set-up**.
4. Students will have to master a comprehensive exam for SRGT 1405, 1409, and 1491 with a 78% or better to re-enroll in the SRGT program.
5. **Student must meet the deadline to submit an application, background check, and drug screen to be eligible for re-entry. Mandatory communication to Mrs. Gonzales via email marissa.gonzales@tstc.edu or phone call to 956-364-4704 is advised to make arrangements for clinical privileges. Arrangements must be made 4-6 weeks prior to semester start date.**

Clinical Experience

The student will continue with theory classes and will participate in clinical experience at various area hospitals. Presently, the Surgical Technology (ST.) Program is affiliated with many different entities such as hospitals, surgery centers and eye clinics. Any concerns regarding the attendance of a clinical site must be addressed to the clinical instructor and program director prior to clinical rotation changes. Students will be evaluated by a clinical instructor randomly throughout the semester. The affiliated hospital personnel, preceptors and management give supervision. Clinical instructors will receive a weekly report on the student's performance.

Students are not paid for the learning experiences. Clinical Internships are not a requirement of the Surgical Technology degree requirement. Students who choose to accept an internship with a local facility will hold a separate obligation with that employer. **Students are not allowed to be paid during assigned clinical hours.**

No visible Tattoos or body piercing are allowed: all visible tattoos must be covered during clinical experiences. Visible Body piercing will not be allowed in the clinical setting

Students are required to have their own transportation for clinical rotation. The clinical rotation placement can be from Mission, Texas to Brownsville, Texas, and point's in-between.

Students are expected to be punctual and well prepared when attending the clinical sites. Preceptor forms will be submitted to the clinical instructor on a weekly basis.

Clinical Instruction

Clinical Instruction is conducted in cooperation with the surgical departments of area hospitals. The technical and clinical instruction will be provided by the clinical instructor and assigned clinical preceptor representative. **Students rotate through various Valley hospitals and clinics allowing them to receive hands-on training in a variety of settings. Hospitals are located throughout the valley from Misson, TX to Brownsville, TX and points in between.**

During the **1st semester** (SRGT 1491), the students will practice their entry-level skills in the TSTC Surgical Technology lab and attend clinical at VBMC-H-B and HMC to continue the mastery of skills. The scheduled time will change once the students begin their clinical internship, from 8 am-5 pm to 6:15 a.m. to 3:00 pm.

On the first week of the **2nd Semester** (SRGT 1461), students will be assigned to a three week rotating schedule to continue training, in area hospitals from 6:30 am -3:00 pm. **Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from TSTC and the clinical facilities.** Accommodations will only be made under special circumstances approved by the Program Director.

3rd semester (SRGT 2462) students will continue same as 2nd semester rotation. During this semester, clinical times will be from 6:15 to 4:00 pm.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY 6th CORE CURRICULUM CLINICAL CASE REQUIREMENTS

Surgical Specialty	Total # of Cases Required	Minimum # of First Scrub Cases Required	Maximum # of Second Scrub Cases That Can Be Applied Towards 120 Cases
General Surgery	30	20	10
Surgical Specialties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cardiothoracic ● ENT ● Ophthalmic ● GU ● Neuro ● Ob/Gyn ● Oral/Maxillofacial ● Orthopedics ● Peripheral Vascular ● Plastics ● Procurement/Transplant 	90	60	30
Diagnostic Endoscopy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bronchoscopy ● Colonoscopy ● Cystoscopy ● EGD ● ERCP ● Esophagoscopy ● Laryngoscopy ● Pandenoscopy ● Sinoscopy ● Ureteroscopy 			10 diagnostic endoscopy cases may be applied toward the second scrub cases.
Labor and Delivery			5 vaginal delivery cases may be applied toward the second scrub cases.
TOTALS	120	80	40

1. The total number of cases the student must complete is 120. This is the minimum number of cases.
2. Students are required to complete 30 cases in General Surgery. Twenty of the cases must be in the First Scrub Role.
3. Students are required to complete 90 cases in various surgical specialties. Sixty (60) of the cases must be in the First Scrub Role and evenly distributed between a minimum of 5 surgical specialties however, 15 is the maximum number of cases that can be counted in any one surgical specialty.
4. Diagnostic endoscopy cases and vaginal delivery cases are not mandatory. But up to 10 diagnostic endoscopic cases and 5 vaginal delivery cases can be counted towards the maximum number of Second Scrub Role cases.
5. Observation cases must be documented, but do not count towards the 120 required cases.
6. **Counting Cases**
Cases will be counted according to surgical specialty. Examples:
Trauma patient requires a splenectomy and repair of a LeFort I fracture. Two cases can be counted and documented since the splenectomy is general surgery specialty and the repair of LeFort I is oral-maxillofacial surgical specialty.
Patient required a breast biopsy followed by mastectomy. It is one pathology, breast cancer, and the specialty is general surgery; therefore, it is counted and documented as one procedure – one case.

Cost and Financial Aid

The actual cost of attending Texas State Technical College includes tuition and fees, book and tools, in addition to the cost of transportation and/or campus housing. Tuition and fees are based on the number of credit hours taken and whether in or out-of-state tuition is paid. Most students take from 8 to 12 credit hours per semester.

Submitting the financial aid application is as important as the application for admission. Any questions regarding financial aid should be directed to the Financial Aid Office at (956) 364-4337.

Uniforms

Students are required to purchase scrubs from the book store in the color selected by the clinical coordinator. A matching lab jacket will also be required with name embroidery and patch. Scrub uniforms will be required to be used when participating in lab activities.

TSTC polo shirts (navy blue) with name and program embroidery will also be required and purchased through the bookstore. Students attending any on campus event or school related orientation will be required to wear Navy blue polo shirt with khaki slacks and close-toed brown shoes.

***Tuition and Expenses**

Approximate cost (tuition & fees including Lab fees) of entire program.....*\$12,525.00
 (Tuition is calculated according to credit hours. Please refer to Texas State Technical College tuition scale).
 Surgical Technology Uniforms X 2.....\$108.00
 Approximate cost for all textbooks ..\$500.00
 Accident insurance.....\$14.00
 Needle stick Insurance.....\$19.00
 Liability/Malpractice Insurance\$13.00
 Hepatitis B Vaccine ...*\$91.47
 Polo Shirt (1).....\$19.99
 AST Membership, CST Exam Eligibility Fee,*\$250.00
 HESI EXAM (\$54.00 paid with credit card at time of test) \$54.00
 Criminal Background Check..... \$50.00
 Drug Screen Test..... \$50.00
 Incisions\$340.00
 Trajecys.....\$100.00
 Physical Exam.....See your physician
 Immunization required - Tdap, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, PPD (TB Test) and Flu shot..... See your physician
(Student must keep required immunizations current)

***Estimates only - prices may vary from semester to semester**

Student Activities

Student Government Association, S.T. Student Club, Techsan Day, intramural sports, etc.

Other Services

The following services are available:

Student Housing	(364-4236)
Financial Aid	(364-4337)
WIA	(364-4532)
Counseling	(364-4311)
Tutoring	(364-4170)

INSTRUCTORS

- Anna San Pedro CST, MCJ, Program Director (364-4810)
- Yolanda Ramirez CST, AAS, BAT Instructor (364-4808)
- Marissa Ramirez CST, Clinical Coordinator (364-4704)

Submit electronic application through Dynamic Forms on the portal page www.tstc.edu or for hand delivery to:

Esmeralda Reyes (956) 364-4636: Eddie Lucio Building Office 204 A

**Surgical Technology Program
 Texas State Technical College
 Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. Health Science Building
 1902 North Loop 499
 Harlingen, Texas 78550-3697**

Please start processing admission requirements and financial aid early.

Check list for Clinical Rotation Requirements

Student requirements have been established with affiliated hospitals that request for all students attending clinical to be in accordance with hospital policy. It is mandatory for all students to comply with the Surgical Technology Programs clinical requirements. The clinical requirements are as follows:

Requirement:	Where:	Cost:
Immunizations MMR, Varicella, Tdap	Private Physician	Depending on physician
Hepatitis B Vaccine	Private Physician	Depending on Physician
Needle stick Insurance	TSTC Business Service	TSTC fee
Liability Insurance	TSTC Business Services	TSTC fee
Accident Insurance	TSTC Business Services	TSTC fee
<i>Physical Exam</i>	Private Physician	Depending on Physician
TB test/ Chest X ray	Private Physician	Depending on Physician
Drug Screen test	Health Clinic	Estimated fee \$35.00
Uniforms	TSTC book store	Estimate \$110.42 for Two sets, Two sets are minimum requirement.
Flu Shot	Health clinic	Depending on Physician



**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
STUDENT PHYSICAL EXAM FORM**

Name: _____ Sex: M • F D.O.B: ____/____/____ Age: _____ ID#: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Do you suffer or are you being treated for any of this health Conditions?

YES NO

- A. Head injuries, seizures, unconsciousness, Concussion or convulsion
- B. Neck or Back Injury
- C. Contact Lens/Glasses
- D. Asthma
- E. Tuberculosis
- F. Heart Disease
- G. Rheumatic Fever
- H. High Blood Pressure
- I. Eye, Lung, or Kidney
- J. Hepatitis
- K. Sickle Cell Anemia
- L. Cancer/Blood Disorders
- M. Hernia
- N. Skin Disease
- O. Bone or Joint Disease or injury
- P. Emotional or Psychological Disturbances
- Q. Diabetes
- R. Surgeries (operations)
- S. Drugs or Alcohol

Explain any "Yes" Answers: _____

PHYSICAL
Allergies: _____
Medications: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
VS: Temp. _____ P. _____ R. _____ BP: _____
Eye. _____ Ear: _____ Nose. _____ Dental: _____
Throat: _____ Lung: _____ Heart: _____

I certify that I have examined this individual and find that he/she is physically suitable for Surgical Technology Program except for _____.

Printed or Typed Name of Physician or Nurse Practitioner

Date of Exam

Associate of Science Degree Surgical Technology Program

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Year started: _____

ACADEMIC COURSES:		Lec	Lab	Ext	Cont.	SCH	Grade
Semester 1							
BIOL 2301	Anatomy & Physiology I (Lec)	3	0		48	3	
BIOL 2101	Anatomy & Physiology I (Lab)	0	3		48	1	
HITT 1305	Medical Terminology	2	4		96	3	
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	0		48	3	
Total		8	7		240	10	
Semester 2							
BIOL 2302	Anatomy & Physiology II (Lec)	3	0		48	3	
BIOL 2102	Anatomy & Physiology II (Lab)	0	3		48	1	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	0		48	3	
SPCH X3XX	Speech Elective	3	0		48	3	
Totals		9	3		192	10	
Semester 3							
BIOL 2320	Microbiology (Lec) Non-Science Major	3	0		48	3	
BIOL 2120	Microbiology (Lab) Non-Science Major	0	3		48	1	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3	0		48	3	
Humanities	Fine Arts Elective	3	0		48	3	
Totals		9	3		192	10	
Semester 4							
SRGT 1405	Introduction to Surgical Technology	3	2		80	4	
SRGT 1409	Fundamentals of Perioperative	3	2		80	4	
SRGT 1491	Special Topics Course	3	4	0	112	4	
Totals		9	8	0	272	12	
Semester 5							
SRGT 1244	Technological Science	2	0		32	2	
SRGT 1441	Surgical Procedures I	3	3		96	4	
SRGT 1461	Clinical/Surgical II	0	0	24	384	4	
Totals		5	3	24	512	10	
Semester 6							
SRGT 1442	Surgical Procedures II	3	3		96	4	
SRGT 2462	Clinical III-Surgical/Operating Room Tech	0	0	24	384	4	
End of Semester GPA _____		3	3	24	480	8	
AAS degree total credits		43	25	48	1856	60	

Surgical Technology Program Information Sessions

Students interested in learning more about the Surgical Technology program can sign on to on meet with a Surgical Tech advisor via WebEx for more information.

Virtual meets are scheduled every second Monday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please use the following information to log on to the meeting. You will have to download Cisco WebEx to your computer or device in order to gain access to the meeting. If you have difficulties with signing on, please feel free to contact Mrs. San Pedro at 956-364-4810.

[WebEx meeting link](#)

Meeting number: 120 805 5274

Password: pBEZdeGN357

Host key: 949870

Join by video system: Dial 1208055274@tstcedu.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

For internal TSTC users, dial #8 followed by the 9-digit meeting number and tap “Call” or “Dial”. If you are the host, enter your PIN when prompted, followed by the #.

Join by phone: +1-415-655-0003 US Toll

Access code: 120 805 5274

**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Date:

Email:		TSTC Id:	
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	
Street Address:	P.O. Box:	Phone:	(Cell)
City:	County:	State:	Zip Code:
Have you been accepted for admission to Texas State Technical College? • Yes • No			

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:					
LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL	FROM	TO	HOURS/CREDIT COMPLETED	DEGREE/CERTIFICATE
High School					
G.E.D.					
College					
Vocational Training					

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:			
EMPLOYER	POSITION HELD	CITY/STATE	DATES

PHYSICAL RECORD: *List any physical or medical conditions that may need proper observation to prevent accidents or injuries to you. If accepted in the Surgical Technology Program you will be required to submit a complete physical exam, including a drug screen test.*

Do you hereby authorize your Doctor(s) to release record to this school and clinical site?
 • Yes • No

Are you planning to apply for Financial Aid? • Yes • No
 If yes, have you contacted and applied with Financial Aid Office located at the Student Services Building? • Yes • No

Have you even been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation • Yes • No If yes explain:

I authorize the ST department to obtain an official copy of my Transcript. Needed for CST certification. ____Yes ____No

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I understand that the Admissions Committee will not regard this application as “**complete**” until all supporting documentation has been received; therefore, it is to my interest to see that these are submitted as promptly as possible. It is also my understanding that official transcripts sent directly from each school I have attended must be received by the Admissions Office as soon as possible at the end of each successive semester for as long as my application is being considered.

I also understand that as a Surgical Technology student, I will be exposed to blood and body fluids. Texas State Technical College will not be held responsible for any injury sustained during clinical experiences. As a student, I am required to carry my own medical and accident insurance plus Needle Stick insurance. Proof of insurance, immunizations, and physical exam must be kept on file in the Surgical Technology Department and forwarded to the hospitals upon request. In addition, I also understand that as a Surgical Technology student, I will be required to obtain the Hepatitis B vaccinations, MMR, Varicella, Tdap, TB test, and Flu shot plus any other vaccinations that are required by the clinical site. Meningitis vaccine is required by TSTC when enrolling if under the age of 22.

The hospitals (clinical sites) have the right to approve or disapprove my application for clinical experience and may conduct a Drug Screen Test when deemed necessary. Hospitals reserve the right to refuse clinical privileges to any student.

I further understand that the information submitted herein will be relied upon by officials of Texas State Technical College to determine my status for admission. I certify that the information in this application is complete and understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment, or appropriate disciplinary action.

Applicant’s Signature:	Date:
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**This completed application form must be submitted to: Texas State Technical College
Surgical Technology Program
Eddie Lucio Building
1902 North Loop 499
Harlingen TX 78550-3697**

Affirmative Action Statement

“Every opportunity shall be afforded for admission, employment or educational services regarding of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. This publication is available in alternate format by contacting the TSTC Support Service Office at 964-364-4520.



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1. Write a short paragraph describing your present knowledge of the operating room.

2. Write a short paragraph stating why you want to become a surgical technologist.

3. What are your long range career goals?

4. In your own words, explain what you presently know about a patient undergoing surgery.

5. If you plan to work, how many hours per week do you expect to work while enrolled in the ST Program?

6. What family and/or childcare commitments, if any, will you have during your enrollment in the Surgical Technology Program?

7. What three (3) courses (high school/college) that were most challenging?

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)

8. How did you find out about the Surgical Technology Program?

You may utilize the back of this page to answer your questions.



**Allied Health Division
Surgical Technology Program**

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of information is cause for denial of admission or expulsion from the College. I understand that the faculty and staff of TSTC Surgical Technology program will read the information contained in this application.

Print Name

Student ID #

Signature of Applicant

Date



**Allied Health Division
Surgical Technology Program**

(Applies if you have latex allergy)

I, _____, knowing that **I have a latex sensitivity or allergy**,
acknowledge that I have received educational materials and understand that I will be placing myself
in environments that may not be completely latex free and that I may be exposed to latex products. I
assume all responsibility to avoid latex products and agree that I will not hold Texas State
Technical College responsible for my avoidance of any latex products, or injury that may result
from contact with any latex products.

Print Name

Student ID #

Signature of Applicant

Date



**Allied Health Division
Surgical Technology Program**

School Year 2022 to 2023

I hereby grant authorization to Texas State Technical College to release my educational records that may include my official academic transcripts to the Surgical Technology program and The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). This information is to be utilized for the certification process.

Print Name

Student ID #

Signature of Applicant

Date



Electronic Signature Agreement

Each party agrees that this Agreement and any other documents to be delivered in connection herewith may be electronically signed, and that any electronic signatures appearing on this Agreement or such other documents are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

Print Name

Student ID #

Signature of Applicant

Date