



Surgical Technology, Diploma - 45 credits

Program Area: Allied Health (Fall 2017)

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Program Description

Surgical Technologists are allied health professionals that work as part of a team delivering surgical care to patients. They work as members of the surgical team which is made up of surgeons, surgical assistants, RN-circulating nurses and anesthesia providers. The surgical technologist works mainly in what is referred to as the “scrub” role. The goal is for the surgical technologist to be able to anticipate the next move the surgeon is going to make in order to make the surgical procedure as smooth and efficient as possible. They do this by having knowledge of hundreds of surgical procedures and the steps the surgeon needs to take in order to complete the procedure using a wide range of surgical instruments and equipment. Surgical technologists must be highly motivated and dedicated to the needs of the surgical team and patients. Surgical technologists must be able to maintain a stable temperament under pressure. They must be able to adapt readily to change and display ability to critically think. They must work quickly and with great attention to detail. They must exhibit a strong sense of responsibility.

The surgical technology program is designed to develop skills in all phases of the operating room procedures and techniques. The program includes clinical experience in the operating room setting.

Some of the courses are offered as online courses.

Program Outcomes

To prepare graduates with demonstrated competence in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains of surgical technology practice as performed by certified surgical technologists – CST’s.

Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program.

Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
FYE1000	Student Success Seminar	1	
ALTH1410	Medical Terminology	1	
BIOL1000	Human Body in Health and Disease	5	
OR	OR		
BIOL1005	Introduction to Cell Biology	1	
and	and		
BIOL1140	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	
and	and		
BIOL1141	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	

Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
COMM1100	Introduction to Communication	3	
OR	OR		
COMM1105	Interpersonal Communication		
OR	OR		
ENGL1106	College Composition I		
SURG1400	Pharmacology for the Surgical Technologist	2	
SURG1411	Operating Room Practice	4	
SURG1412	Operating Room Theory	5	
SURG1420	Operating Room Lab I	4	
SURG1428	Operating Room Procedures I	2	
SURG1520	Operating Room Lab II	12	
SURG1528	Operating Room Procedures II	6	

Total credits

45

Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor.



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You may be required to complete additional (or less) coursework, dependent upon the results of your Computerized Placement Test (CPT) and/or previous coursework completed or certifications awarded. Pre-program courses must be completed prior to entry into the Surgical Technology Program courses. All courses on the planner need to be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. All program courses in the program need to be taken in sequence.

Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English, mathematics, and reading. Note: FYE1000, ALTH 1410 and BIOL 1000 (or BIOL 1005, 1140 and 1141) need to be completed prior to program courses.

English/Reading:

- A score of 78 or higher on the reading comprehension portion of the CPT,
- OR completion of ENGL0950 or READ0950, which may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework,
- OR ENGL0955 or READ0955, which may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework,
- OR equivalent transfer course or higher

NOTE: You will need a recent physical examination including current immunizations and a current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening. Current certification in American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross: BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers is required for all clinical courses. ALTH1430 will satisfy this requirement for one year. Background Study approval is required from the State of Minnesota/or Wisconsin prior to attending the clinical portion of the program; courses SURG1420, OR Lab I and SURG1520, OR Lab II courses. A national criminal background study is required by some clinical sites. Students assigned to a clinical site requiring a criminal background study will be informed of this requirement prior to the start of the clinical experience.

Program Accreditation

The Surgical Technology Program at Lake Superior College is accredited by the ARC-STSA or Association of Surgical Technology Accreditation Review Council for Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting in collaboration with the Commission on Allied Health Education Programs – CAAHEP.

For more information about the Surgical Technology AAS degree including course descriptions, course prerequisites, and potential career opportunities see program website: at <https://degrees.lsc.edu/surgical-technologist/> OR contact advising at 218-733-7601 or pat@lsc.edu. Candy Melde, Director of Surgical Technology, can be contacted at 218-733-5906 or c.melde@lsc.edu



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