

SURGICAL TECHNICIAN - CERTIFICATE



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Occupational Title: Surgical Technologist
Flanagan Campus, Lincoln only

Surgical Technology Certificate is a twelve-month, full-time, 43-credit certificate program that prepares an individual to become an entry-level Surgical Technologist, demonstrating required competencies. Surgical Technologists are vital members of the healthcare team delivering patient care before, during and after surgical procedures. The 4-semester program, which combines classroom instruction, simulation lab experiences and supervised clinical practice in a hospital environment focuses on the basic principles of surgical technology and perioperative care of patients requiring a surgical intervention. Students will complete a minimum of 500 practicum hours, and will scrub in on a minimum of 120 surgical procedures.

General Policies

See important general policies in the beginning of this section on the performance-based Health Sciences application process, academic progress, advanced placement, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms, and equipment.

Minimum Requirements to Apply to the Surgical Technology Certificate Program

- CCRI application** – Complete and submit a CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be the first choice; SURG should be the second choice.
- High school transcript** – An official copy of a high school or GED® transcript, including date of graduation, must be provided. If the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, the high school transcript may be waived; a college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
- Placement testing** – Complete a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling. Students may **not** retake the ACCUPLACER test before completing the remedial course/ courses. **Note:** For application purposes, ACCUPLACER testing can be waived for students who provide documentation of a bachelor's degree or higher. Students are advised that individual departments may still require ACCUPLACER testing as a prerequisite for their courses.
 - Reading comprehension test** must show competency of 80 or above in Classic ACCUPLACER or a score of 253 or above in Next-Generation ACCUPLACER or students must complete Reading and Study Skills Program (ENGL 1002) with a grade of B- or better.
- Health Sciences application** – Complete and submit a performance-based Health Sciences application including a preadmission degree evaluation during the open enrollment period.
 - Important:** Submission of a performance-based Health Sciences application does not guarantee acceptance to the program.

Acceptance is based on points earned as listed in the program acceptance criteria point system. (See www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs (<https://www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/>.) At the time of admission, students must meet the current admission requirements. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a performance-based Health Sciences application and meet the current admission requirements.

- Background check** – Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services.

Program Requirements

- Maintain at least a grade of C in all SURG major requirements.
- Program faculty reserve the right to require withdrawal of any student from the program or to refuse reinstatement based on the student's academic, clinical or professional performance.

Certificate Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 2201 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| COMM 1010 | Communication Fundamentals | 3 |
| SURG 1010 | Foundations of Surgical Technology | 6 |
| BIOL 2202 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |
| SURG 2010 | Surgical Instrumentation | 6 |
| SURG 1020 | Principles of Surgical Technology | 6 |
| BIOL 2210 | Introductory Microbiology | 4 |
| SURG 2020 | Surgical Procedures | 6 |
| PSYC 2010 | General Psychology | 4 |
| Total Hours | | 43 |

Recommended Course Sequence

| Course | Title | Hours |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|
| Prerequisites | | |
| Summer Session | | |
| SURG 1010 | Foundations of Surgical Technology ¹ | 6 |
| BIOL 2201 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹ | 4 |
| COMM 1010 | Communication Fundamentals ¹ | 3 |
| Hours | | 13 |
| Year 1 | | |
| Semester 1 | | |
| SURG 1020 | Principles of Surgical Technology | 6 |
| BIOL 2202 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |
| Hours | | 10 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| SURG 2010 | Surgical Instrumentation | 6 |
| BIOL 2210 | Introductory Microbiology | 4 |
| Hours | | 10 |
| Summer Session | | |
| SURG 2020 | Surgical Procedures | 6 |
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¹ First (1st) Summer Session courses are not Prerequisites. These courses are program requirements.