

To assist in making a decision about pursuing this program, the following is a general overview of the physical requirements, working conditions and job duties of a Surgical Technologist.

Surgical Technologists

Surgical Technologists are members of the surgical team who work with other personnel in delivering quality care to clients of all age groups. Surgical Technologists assume responsibilities pre-operatively, which includes organizing equipment and instruments as well as setting up quickly and accurately for emergency cases. The Surgical Technologist assists the surgeon during surgical procedures and efficiently handles surgical instruments at the physician's request. They are also required to help with postoperative duties, such as cleaning and sterilizing equipment.

Surgical Technologists may be required to work various shifts to provide 24-hour coverage, including early morning, day, evening and night shifts. Shifts may include holiday coverage and on-call time. Surgical Technologists are exposed to stressful situations that may include occasional sudden change in workload, high stress patient situations such as cardiopulmonary arrest, demise of patient, etc. They are expected to be able to concentrate on work tasks amidst distractions and must be able to exert self-control and confidence even under stressful situations. A national Certification of Surgical Technology (CST) is preferred by most facilities.

Surgical Technologists are expected to have the ability to:

- Regularly express or exchange ideas by means of oral communication
- Regularly talk and hear muffled sounds over medical equipment and through surgical masks
- Regularly stand one to five hours at a time or up to 11 hours per shift
- Regularly must be able to discern small numbers and work on gauges on medical equipment and supplies used in surgery
- Routinely need manual dexterity to handle instruments quickly
- Frequently lift up to 10 pounds, occasionally lift/push/pull/carry up to 50 pounds
- Occasionally bend, stoop, kneel or crouch

Source: www.bls.gov and local job descriptions

Background Check & Drug Screen Disclosure Statement

1. I understand and acknowledge, as a requirement for my desired program, I must successfully pass a drug screening, criminal background check, or both, at my own expense by the date given to me by Southeast Tech.
2. I understand failure to pass the drug screening, background check, or both, by this date may result in my immediate termination from the program.
3. I understand the results of a drug screening, criminal background check or both may affect my eligibility to continue in the program. Furthermore, I understand that the results of a drug screening, background check, or both, may also affect my eligibility to attend a clinical or internship site and/or my eligibility to take specific courses in my program.
4. I understand the results of a drug screening, criminal background check, or both, may affect my eligibility to take a board/certification exam or gain employment in my desired program career field.
5. I understand any incident reported on my criminal background check may require additional expense and documentation submission for certification exam approval prior to the start of core program courses.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read the above information and understand the general physical requirements, working conditions and job duties typically associated with Surgical Technologist. I understand that this information is general in nature and actual conditions and job duties may vary.

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____