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## Surgical Technology

### Specialized training for a specialized career.

The Surgical Technology program prepares students to work as valuable members of a surgical team, which most commonly includes surgeons, anesthesiologists, and circulating nurses. Surgical Technologists assist in surgical procedures under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, and other surgical personnel. They perform a variety of critical hands-on tasks, including:

- 1 Preparing operating rooms by setting up surgical instruments and equipment
- 1 Preparing patients for surgery by washing, shaving, and disinfecting incision sites
- 1 Passing instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons during surgical procedures
- 1 Maintaining a proper sterile field throughout the surgical process
- 1 Monitoring and assessing operating room conditions

Benefit from:

- 1 A strong foundation in both the theory and techniques of surgical technology
- 1 Hands-on learning in on-site surgical laboratories that simulate the surgical environment
- 1 Valuable, practical experience gained through the completion of clinical practicums at an off-campus healthcare facility, under the supervision of instructors and professional practitioners
- 1 Liberal Arts and Sciences courses that provide students with a foundation of skills and knowledge necessary to reason clearly and communicate effectively
- 1 Eligibility to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination

### Certification

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). Only students who complete a CAAHEP-accredited Surgical Technology program are eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam, a national credentialing exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

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