

# Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) Health Sciences: Surgical Processing Technician Specialization

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## SAMPLE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

	<b>Semester Credits</b>
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	
SPT1110 Fundamentals of Surgical Processing .....	4
HEA1101 Foundations of Health Services.....	3
HEA2200 Medical Terminology.....	3
SCI1100 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	3
CIS1115 Computer Applications.....	3
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	
SPT2100 Surgical Instrumentation.....	4
SPT2110 Basic Infection Control .....	3
HEA2203 Ethical and Legal Aspects of Health Services .....	3
SCI2100 Anatomy and Physiology II .....	3
SCI2228 Microbiology .....	3
<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>	
SPT2150 Surgical Processing Clinical Practicum .....	8
SPT2151 Surgical Processing Clinical Seminar .....	2
ENG1105 Writing and Research .....	3
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER</b>	
ENG2205 Writing Through Literature .....	3
SOC2225 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
Humanities Elective .....	3
Science Elective .....	3
Free Elective .....	3

NOTE: Governing regulations may disqualify individuals from obtaining professional certification in this field based upon health or criminal records. Therefore, in addition to meeting the immunization requirements of Berkeley College and the State of New Jersey, students applying to the Health Sciences program must provide authorization for a criminal background check prior to registration and submit a physical assessment by a licensed medical professional prior to participating in clinical rotations.

Extensive criminal background checks may be repeated after admission at the request of clinical facilities, and positive findings may prevent students from completing the clinical portion of the program, graduating, and participating in certification exams. Health requirements required for clinical courses are extensive and may total several hundred dollars. The costs of these health requirements are borne by the student.

To qualify for graduation, students enrolled in the Surgical Processing Technician (SPT) specialization must pass all SPT courses and Microbiology with a minimum grade of C+, as well as participate in the Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) certification examination. Passing this examination is required to work as a Surgical Processing Technician in some states, including New Jersey and New York.

**60 SEMESTER CREDITS  
REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION**

Under certain circumstances the need to take developmental College Skills courses may lengthen the time required to complete the student's program, and may result in increased costs to a student.

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