

Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) Surgical Technology

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SAMPLE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

	Semester Credits
FIRST SEMESTER	
SUR1100 Fundamentals of Surgical Technology.....	6
HEA2200 Medical Terminology.....	3
SCI1100 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	3
SCI1110 Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I.....	1
ENG1105 Writing and Research.....	3
SECOND SEMESTER	
SUR2112 Surgical Techniques.....	6
SCI2228 Microbiology.....	3
SCI2100 Anatomy and Physiology II.....	3
SCI2110 Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory II.....	1
ENG2205 Writing Through Literature.....	3
THIRD SEMESTER	
SUR2120 Surgical Specialty Intervention Procedures.....	3
SUR2280 Operating Room Clinical Practicum I.....	5
SUR2251 Pharmacology and Anesthesiology.....	2
HEA2203 Ethical and Legal Aspects of Health Services.....	3
SOC2225 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
FOURTH SEMESTER	
SUR2290 Operating Room Clinical Practicum II.....	5
SUR2292 Surgical Technology Capstone.....	4
Humanities Elective.....	3

60 SEMESTER CREDITS
REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

NOTE: Governing regulations may disqualify individuals from obtaining 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 Surgical Technology 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. Students are required to purchase their own malpractice insurance.

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 the national certification exam. 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 employment as a Surgical Technologist in the State of New Jersey, a person must either complete a nationally or regionally accredited Surgical Technology program or meet other specified criteria. Requirements may vary by state. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredits Berkeley College's Surgical Technology program; therefore, students who complete this program are eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam.

To qualify for graduation, students must pass all Surgical (SUR) courses, as well as Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I and II, and Microbiology, with a minimum grade of C+, as well as participate in the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) National Certification Exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). Passing this examination is required to work as a Surgical Technologist in some states, including New Jersey and New York.

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.

For more information about Berkeley College graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed programs, and other important disclosures, please visit BerkeleyCollege.edu/gainful-employment/aas_surgical_technology_statistics_sem.htm.