Surgical Technology - Admission Criteria

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Priority Deadline for Surgical Technology is March 1st. All application steps listed below must be completed prior to March 1st to be considered in the initial applicant pool. After the priority deadline, the program will move to rolling admissions until incoming cohort slots are filled.

- Follow the Steps to Apply and Enroll.
- Meet the Testing requirements and complete all required transition/support courses.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 on the most recent academic transcript for the last 10 hours of college credit. If you do not have college credits, your cumulative grade point average will be taken from your high school transcript.
- As a **SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS** program, there is only one entry point into the program annually. The TEAS test is required for Surgical Technology applicants. Applications will be ranked using the Health Sciences Admissions Rubric.

Those individuals who are notified of provisional acceptance to the program must attend a mandatory orientation session and have SCC health forms completed by the appropriate medical personnel indicating the candidate is mentally and physically capable of performing the job duties required by this profession.

Once accepted into the program, students will be required to complete an onboarding process, which will include a criminal background check and drug testing prior to participation in the clinical component. If any clinical facility refuses to allow the student to participate in clinical experiences, for any reason, the student will not be able to progress in the program. Each student completing a health science program may be required, by an external agency, to submit a criminal background check and/or drug test prior to a state or national licensing/ certification board approving the graduate to sit for exams.

Due to the rigorous nature of the curriculum, where possible, students are encouraged to have successfully completed general education courses prior to enrolling in program specific courses: ACA 111, BIO 163, BIO 175, ENG 111, ENG 114, HUM 115, MAT 143, MED 121, MED 122 and PSY 150 with a "C" or better. See your advisor for acceptable general education substitutes.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS The program requires that students maintain a high level of academic and clinical performance in accordance with program policies. Failure to meet these standards will prevent normal progression through the program. Upon completion of the program graduates will be eligible to take the national exams and may apply for a state license to practice.

ACCREDITATION 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). CAAHEP address: 9355 - 113th St. N. #7709 | Seminole, FL 33775. Phone: 727.210.2350 | www.caahep.org

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