Surgical Technology, AAS

Program Description

The goal of the Surgical Technology program is to prepare competent, entry-level surgical technologists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. Graduates of the program will be able to apply fundamental theoretical knowledge in the practice of surgical technology; acquire and evaluate emerging surgical knowledge; perform the roles and duties of the surgical technologist at entry-level for employment; demonstrate professional behaviors expected of surgical technologists; and demonstrate the effective use of reason and good judgment in surgical patient care situations.

Certification

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination offered by the National Board for Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).

Professional Licensure/Certification (PLC) Requirements

The curriculum for programs at Utah Tech University leading to professional licensure are designed to prepare students for Utah licensure and certification requirements. Admission into programs for professions requiring licensure and certification does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or certificate. Licensure and certification requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the University, and licensure and certification requirements can change at any time.

Licensure boards in each state establish requirements for licensure and certification for their respective state. States vary by which professions are required to be licensed and how licensure functions, and such requirements may change at any time. The terms related to licensure and certification, among others, also vary by state as well.

Students and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact the state licensure entity in the state where they intend to work to review all licensure and certification requirements imposed by the student's state(s) of choice. The University cannot provide verification of a student's ability to meet licensure or certification requirements unrelated to its educational programming. Some states require individuals to complete additional requirements that are unrelated to educational prerequisites. For more information, visit the State Authorization and Professional Licensure (https://academics.utahtech.edu/state-authorization/) web page and select the program, or speak to the director of the program.

Utah Tech University shall not be held liable if a student is unable to qualify for licensure or certification in any jurisdiction.

This disclosure is made pursuant to 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v)(C).

Accreditation

The Utah Tech University Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). These organizations may be contacted at:

CAAHEP
9355 113th Street N, #7709
Seminole, FL 33775
Phone: 727-210-2350
www.caahep.org (http://www.caahep.org/)

ARC/STSA
19751 East Mainstreet, Suite #339
Parker, CO 80138
Phone: 303-694-9262
www.arcstsa.org (http://www.arcstsa.org/)

Admission Requirements

For admission requirements into the Surgical Technology program, visit the program website (https://health.utahtech.edu/surgical-technology/program-admissions/) (following this link will take you out of the University Catalog).

Program Curriculum

63 credits

Code	Title	Hours
Program Prerequisites [1]		
BIOL 2320 & BIOL 2325	Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Lab	5
BIOL 2420 & BIOL 2425	Human Physiology and Human Physiology Lab	4
COMM 1020 or COMM 2110	Public Speaking ((HU, GC)) Interpersonal Communication (SS, GC)	3
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1010D	Introduction to Writing (EN) Introduction to Writing (EN)	3-4
ENGL 2010	Interm Writing Selected Topics: (EN)	3
HLOC 1000	Medical Terminology	2

MATH 1030
   or MATH 1040
   or MATH 1050
	Quantitative Reasoning (MA)
	Introduction to Statistics (MA)
	College Algebra / Pre-Calculus (MA)
		3

PSY 1010
   or PSY 1100
   or FSHD 1500
	General Psychology (SS, GC)
	Human Development Through Lifespan (SS, GC)
	Human Development Lifespan (SS, GC)
		3

[1] All Program Prerequisites must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Code	Title	Hours
Discipline Core Requirements		
Admission to the Surgical Technology program is required.		
SURG 1000	Introduction to Surgical Technology	2
SURG 1021	Surgical Sciences	3
SURG 1050	Surgical Technology Theory	3
SURG 1055	Surgical Technology Lab I	2
SURG 1060	Surgical Technology Clinical I (ALPP)	4
SURG 2010	Surgical Pharmacology	2
SURG 2050	Surgical Procedures	7
SURG 2055	Surgical Technology Lab II	1
SURG 2060	Surgical Technology Clinical II (ALPP)	7
SURG 2070	Surgical Synthesis	1
Elective Courses		
Electives as selected with your academic advisor to bring the total number of college-level credits (1000 and above) to no fewer than 63.		

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 63 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 20 semester hours of credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
3. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Grade C or higher in each Program Prerequisite and Discipline Core Requirement course.