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Surgical Technology Program

Application and Information Packet
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DEADLINE: First Friday in August for Fall Semester

Health Professions Program at Utah State University

Surgical Technology

The Surgical Technician Program is an Associate of Science Degree program that can be completed in four semesters, after completing one semester of prerequisites. The prerequisites must be completed prior to the student applying for and being accepted into the Surgical Technology (ST) Program. Surgical Technologists assist in operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses and other surgical personnel. They must be knowledgeable in preparing the operating room, establishing and maintaining the sterile field, aseptic technique, setting up surgical equipment, supplies and solutions. During surgery the surgical technologist passes instruments, fluids, medications, and supplies to the surgeon as well as anticipating the needs of the surgeon for any given surgical procedure. Students receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology from Utah State University upon completion of academic coursework and clinical experience.

Upon the successful completion of coursework and prior to graduation, students will be eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) certification exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). If the student successfully passes this national board, they will be conferred the title of Certified Surgical Technologist (CST). The USU Surgical Technology curriculum was developed utilizing the curriculum recommendations of the Association of Surgical Technologist (AST) Core Curriculum, 6th edition. Students successfully completing the program will be well prepared for a career as an entry-level (advanced beginner) surgical technologist.

Note: Moving out of the ST Program service area may adversely impact the student's ability to successfully complete the ST Program or gain employment in the Surgical Technology field.

The USU Surgical Technology program is offered as a bended-course delivery. There are no additional costs or requirements for distance education students.

Surgical Technician Entrance Requirements

Utah State University has an open admission policy. Applicants will be admitted without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or veteran's status. In addition, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for employees in all aspects of employment and for students in academic programs and activities is prohibited. High school graduation or GED is required to be accepted into the program. Acceptance into this program will be by the selection process.

General Admissions Procedures

To be officially admitted to the college as a full-time matriculated student, an applicant must submit the following:

1. A completed [Application for Admission](#).
2. A \$50 nonrefundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts of all previous high school and/or their GED and college work if the student is a transfer student.
4. Placement and evaluation exam. ACT (American College Test), or Accuplacer Exam for English & ALEKS Exam for Math.

Notification of acceptance and resident status will be sent from the Health Professions Department Chairperson. If a student's application is incomplete at the time of registration, the student will not be admitted to the program. Students applying for financial aid, must be a high school graduate or GED recipient, and be matriculated before receiving aid.

A declaration of a major is accomplished through the Application for Admission. Students desiring to change their majors after acceptance are required to complete "A Change of Major" form at the Admissions and Records Office.

Returning Students

A student who has been away for more than 2 semesters, must submit a new application for admission along with a \$20.00 reapplication admission fee. Those who have attended other colleges or universities in the interim will be asked to submit transcripts of all college credits.

Enrollment Prior to High School Graduation

An academically qualified high school student who wishes to enroll at USU Eastern or USU Blanding must fill out a Concurrent Enrollment-Early College form as well as a Student Acknowledgement & Parental Consent Agreement form. **Students may work concurrently on high school classes and the college courses required for acceptance into the ST Program, while still in high school.**

Transfer Students

A transfer student from another college or university must submit the following:

1. A completed [Application for Admission](#).
2. A \$50 one-time nonrefundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts of all previous college work. (Official transcripts must be sent directly from the previous school. Hand carried transcripts will not be accepted.)
4. ACT or Accuplacer test scores. If a transfer student has completed 20 hours and has taken an English course equivalent to our English 1010, they will not be required to take the above tests.
5. A transfer student cannot transfer credits with D or E (F) grades or credits from developmental or remedial courses. **Grades of C or better will be allowed for all classes required for the Program. Credits from remedial classes will not be accepted.**
6. The student must be in good standing and eligible to re-enroll at the college or university where they were most recently registered.
7. Transfer students will not be matriculated until official transcripts of all high school, previous college or university work are submitted to USU Eastern Blanding.

Students with Disabilities

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires reasonable accommodation, that student should contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Students may contact the DRC to determine if they qualify for accommodations. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, sensory, emotional, physical or medical impairments. Students may call directly to the USU DRC at 1-435-797-2444. Students should contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible.

Application Requirements Checklist

1. Complete the Surgical Technician Application and return it to:


Teryn Lyman Coordinator for Health Professions
Utah State University Blanding Campus, BLT Building Room 208B
576 West 200 South (You may mail applications to this address)
Blanding, UT 84511
435-678-8208
teryn.lyman@usu.edu

OR


Danyan Powell, Advisor for Health Professions
Utah State University Eastern Campus
451 East 400 North, One-Stop Building Room 111
Price, UT 84501
435-613-5351
danyan.powell@usu.edu

2. Students must have a minimum **GPA of 3.00 for admittance** into the program and **maintain a 3.00 GPA throughout the program**
3. **Advising** - Students interested in the Surgical Technology (ST) Program must complete a ST Program Application, be accepted and provide all required documents **PRIOR** to registering for ST classes.
4. **Registration Date and Time** - Please visit the USU Eastern or USU Blanding Website for registration information.
5. **The background check must be ordered and/or uploaded to your Compliance Tracker packet through CastleBranch. Please use this link: portal.castlebranch.com/ut61 A fee will be charged.**

 **Background Check**

 **Drug Screen**

 **Completed Student Health History/Immunization Form**

 **Students on Blanding campus ONLY must pay Cashier \$25.00 for the drug screen. She will give the student a receipt which they should bring to their instructor or Health Professions staff assistant. Drug screens will be completed on campus.**

 **Required Immunizations**

All immunizations below are required. All records must be complete and on file with Program Director **PRIOR** to beginning your program:

Hepatitis B

- Provide written evidence from your healthcare provider or immunization record indicated the three (3) dates you have received the vaccine series, **AND**
- Provide written documentation of titer results as “Reactive.”

Tuberculosis

- 2-step TST (two separate Tuberculin Skin Tests, aka PPD) is placed no sooner than seven (7) days apart. The 2-step TST must be completed at the time the student begins ST program. **OR**
- One (1) QuantiFERON Gold blood test with negative result. **OR**
- One (1) T-SPOT blood test with negative result.
- If there is history of a positive TB skin test, the student must see a physician for evaluation or risk AND have chest x-ray report showing no evidence of active disease is required.

Tdap

- One (1) adult dose Tdap is required for USU Surgical Technology Program. A tetanus/diphtheria (Td) booster is required if 10 years have elapsed since the last booster.

The *CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices* recommends that all healthcare personnel, regardless of age, should receive a single dose of Tdap as soon as feasible if they have not previously received Tdap regardless of the time since last Td dose.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)

- Students must provide written evidence of the required two (2) vaccines; **OR**
- Provide written documentation of titer results (blood test). Verbal history of disease is NOT reliable and will not be accepted.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

- Proof of two (2) Varicella vaccinations. **OR**
- Proof of immunity to Varicella through a blood test.

Flu (Influenza)

- Students must provide written evidence of having received the seasonal flu vaccine by October of current year.
- Students must maintain compliance with annual flu vaccinations during their enrollment in the Surgical Technology program.
- **Covid -19**
 - Students should have two vaccinations + one booster.
*****To complete the program successfully, students will need to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 SARS virus. This is the requirement of our clinical affiliates in order to students to enter their facilities to complete clinical rotations.*****

Waivers:

A student may receive a waiver on health grounds if he or she presents a written statement from a healthcare provider indicating that immunization against any or all of the diseases for which immunization is required is medically contraindicated, detrimental to, or not in the best interest of the student. Specific reasons should be noted, such as allergy to components of the vaccine. The physician's statement shall document whether the contraindication is permanent or temporary, and if temporary, provide assurance that the student will receive immunization(s) at the first reasonable opportunity. (For example, rubella vaccine should not be given to pregnant women.) If the student fails to complete the immunizations and provide evidence of same, the student will not be permitted to enter or remain in the program. If the student objects to any immunization due to religious beliefs, he or she must submit a signed written statement stating that they have chosen not to be immunized because he or she is an adherent to a religion the teachings of which are opposed to such immunizations. Students who are unwilling or unable to comply with the immunization policy of the Surgical Technology Program must understand that some clinical agencies prohibit the presence of unvaccinated students at their facility. While USU will make reasonable efforts to find appropriate alternate clinical rotations for these students, there is always the risk the student will not be permitted to complete clinical or practicum rotations which are a required part of the surgical technology curriculum.

****Students will be required to turn in a packet to Staff Assistant with all of the above records. Students should keep a copy of all records for their own files.***

Clinical Orientation

Prior to initiating any clinical or externship experience, students are required to attend an orientation with the appropriate sites that they will be attending for their surgical experience.

Clinical Experience

Surgical Technology Surgical Clinical and Externship: Our ST students will train in various surgical settings. After students demonstrate proficiency assigned skills in surgical lab, students may begin practicing skills in the clinical setting under the direct supervision of an experienced surgical technologist or registered nurse. These clinical rotations are an important part of the program. Students must commit to attending all surgical rotations that they are scheduled to participate in order to attain the required case completions for this degree.

Program Requirements

Application packet deadline: 1st Friday of August for Fall Cohort

The ST application must be submitted by **the first Friday of August for the Fall Cohort**. Cohorts start annually each Fall semester. Students must have prerequisite courses completed by this time with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the program.

PREREQUISITES:

| COURSE | Credit Hours |
|---|---------------------|
| HEAL 1500* – Anatomy & Physiology | 3 |
| NURS 1008* – Medical Terminology | 2 |
| MATH 1050* – College Algebra | 4 OR |
| STATS 1045 – Introduction to Statistics with elements of Algebra | 5 |
| ENGL 1010* – Introduction to Writing | 3 |
| TOTAL | 13-14 |

*Courses can be taken in high school for concurrent enrollment

SEMESTER ONE

| COURSE | Credit Hours |
|--|---------------------|
| BIOL 2060 – Microbiology | 4 |
| SURG 1030 – Surgical Technology I Didactic | 6 |
| SURG 1035 – Surgical Technology I Laboratory | 4 |
| SURG 1600 – Surgical Technology Clinical Competencies I | 2 |
| TOTAL | 15 |

SEMESTER TWO

| COURSE | Credit Hours |
|---|---------------------|
| SURG 1040 – Surgical Technology II Didactic | 6 |
| SURG 1045 – Surgical Technology II Laboratory II | 2 |
| SURG 1700 – Surgical Technology Clinical Competencies II | 4 |
| TOTAL | 12 |

SEMESTER THREE

| COURSE | Credit Hours |
|--|---------------------|
| SURG 1050 – Surgical Technology III Didactic | 6 |
| SURG 1055 – Surgical Technology III Laboratory | 2 |
| SURG 1800 – Surgical Technology Clinical Competencies III | 6 |
| TOTAL | 14 |

SEMESTER FOUR

| COURSE | Credit Hours |
|---|---------------------|
| SURG 1060 – Surgical Technology IV Didactic | 6 |
| SURG 1065 – Surgical Technology IV Laboratory | 2 |
| SURG 1900 – Surgical Technology Clinical Competencies IV | 6 |
| TOTAL | 14 |

National Certification and Examination: In order to take the Surgical Technology Certification Exam (CST), the student must complete the application and apply for the national certification exam. The cost is \$190.00 for AST members and \$290.00 for nonmembers. The CST exam serves as the final exam for SURG 1060.

Credentialing in Surgical Technology is required by an increasing number of states, in order to work in the field and is often required by employers. Although in the state of Utah, a Surgical Technologist can work without certification; as part of the ST Program, once the program is accredited each student will be given the surgical technology credentialing exam in-between the completion of all the surgical technology coursework and graduation. NBSTSA requires that a student must graduate from an accredited program before they sit for the national credentialing exam.

Accreditation

Utah State University Eastern is programmatically accredited by The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). ABHES is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency under the provision of Chapter 33, Title 38 of the U.S. Code and subsequent legislation. ABHES provides Utah State University Eastern programmatic accreditation for the delivery of Certificate of Completion level degrees.

Accrediting Bureau of Health Education
Schools (ABHES)
7777 Leesburg Pike, Suite 314 N.
Falls Church, Virginia 22043



The Surgical Technology Program at USU Blanding is presently under review for accreditation through ABHES.

Surgical Technology Admissions Checklist

- Online application and acceptance to USU Blanding, Moab, or Eastern
- Submit completed for Surgical Technology Program with a copy of GED/High School/College transcripts.
- Submit Surgical Technician Student Contractual Agreement from student handbook by the first day of class.
- Complete Blood-Borne Pathogens & HIPPA during first week of semester one (1).
- Complete Background Check and Drug Screen uploaded to Castlebranch.
- Blanding students pay LaPriel Begay \$45.00 for drug screen to be completed by Health Professions program.
- Submit Student Health History/Immunization Form (from Student Handbook).
- Immunization record from healthcare provider to document:
 - Hepatitis B vaccination series completed with “reactive” titer.
 - 2-step TB skin test (within past 12 months)
 - Tdap (1 adult dose)/Td booster (if 10 years since last Tdap)
 - MMR x 2
 - Varicella x 2
 - Influenza annually
 - Covid-19 x 2 plus booster
- Pre-requisite:
 - ENGL 1010
 - MATH 1050 or STAT 1045
 - NURS 1008
 - HEAL 1500

Application packet deadline: Cohorts begin each Fall Semester. Packet Deadline is the First Friday of August.

If accepted into the program, you are to register for semester one courses.

Please submit Application to:

Utah State University Blanding or Utah State University Eastern

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teryln.lyman@usu.edu or Danyan.powell@usu.edu

Note: A copy of the above documentation needs to be maintained and updated as appropriate by the student and as requested by the instructor and/or staff assistant.

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Application

Name (Print) _____
Last First Middle

Names Previously used: _____

Student USU A# _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ High School Attended _____

Email address _____

(This email will be used to contact you about the ST Program)

I have provided true, complete and correct information on this application. I have read and understand the information presented in this packet.

Signature _____ Date _____