

PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

Surgical Technology (SURG-VC) Admission Packet

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Surgical Technology (Certificate Program)

The Surgical Technology program is a 1,335 clock hour program which provides an introduction to the health care industry specific to duties and responsibilities of a Surgical Technologist, also known as surg. techs or operating room technicians. This curriculum presents the foundational theory and skills necessary to gain entry-level employment as a Surgical Technologist in an operating room. Graduates of the program are eligible to take an examination to qualify as a Certified Surgical Technologist through the National Board of Surgical Technologist and Surgical Assisting.

Role of the Surgical Technician

Surgical Technologists assist in surgical procedures. They prepare operating rooms, arrange equipment, and help doctors during surgeries. The job is physically demanding in that many hours are spent standing while wearing protective clothing and equipment.

Place of Employment

Most surgical technologists work in hospitals and spend much of their shift on their feet.

State and National Earnings

The national, median annual wage for surgical technologists was \$41,790 in May 2012. (SOURCE: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Healthcare/Surgical-technologists.htm>, July 2014).

Training Pathway

The Surgical Technology Program is a 1,335-clock hour program divided into both classroom, lab, and clinical settings.

OCP	Course Number	Course Title	Course Length	SOC Code
A	HSC0003C	Basic Healthcare Worker	90 hours	31-9099
B	STS0015C	Central Supply Technician*	210 hours	31-9099
C	STS0010C	Surgical Technologist I	150 hours	29-2055
	STS0011C	Surgical Technologist II*	450 hours	
	STS0012C	Surgical Technologist III*	435 hours	

*Clinical site placement is dependent upon the results criminal background check.

OCP courses A and B may be taken in sequence or concurrently.

Beyond Graduation

Graduates of Pensacola State College's Surgical Technology program may advance in their field by continuing their education in other health related areas such as nursing or other direct and indirect patient care degree programs at Pensacola State College.

Career Outlook

Employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 30 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Advances in medical technology have made surgery safer, and more operations are being done to treat a variety of illnesses and injuries.

Entrance Requirements

- High school diploma or GED
- 18 years of age or older
- Negative urine drug screen and criminal background check
- Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) score on file (unless exempt)

Testing Requirements

TABE scores of 11 in Reading, 10 in Mathematics, and 11 in Language, or higher, are required for successful completion of the program. If a student scores less than the minimum required score, the student will be advised for self-remediation or tutoring services. The TABE is required for entry into a program; however, the test is an exit requirement. This means that a student who does not achieve the minimum required score will not receive credit for the OCP or the certificate, until the TABE score is met.

Exemption for the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) in any clock hour program:

- Students who possess a college degree at the associate of applied science level or higher
- Any student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma or a student serving as an active duty member of any branch of the of the United States Armed Services

Estimated Cost of the Program

The Surgical Technology program consists of 44.5 credits @ \$85.80 + fees = Total \$3,818.10 in-state.

Additional Expenses (approximate):

Books	\$118.00
Uniforms	\$ 85.00
Immunizations & Physical	\$300.00
Lab Fees (drug screen & background check)	\$ 96.00

Tuition rates are subject to change. Contact Registrar office for current cost.

Semester	Required Courses	Credits
I	Basic Health Care Worker	3
	Central Supply Technician	7
	Surgical Technology I	5
II	Surgical Technology II	15
III	Surgical Technology III	14.5
Total		44.5

Financial Aid

Students requiring financial assistance are directed to the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs (OFA & VA) (850)484-2349 for information on numerous grants, and scholarships available. Short-term loans are available at registration. Inquiries should be directed to the Student Affairs Office on the Warrington Campus. Students needing assistance for an education are encouraged to seek every avenue of financial aid available for that purpose. Financial counseling, as well as help with the application process, is available. Students needing financial assistance must contact the Financial Aid office as soon as the need is determined.

This publication is to provide general career and program information and is not to be construed as a contract between the student and Pensacola State College. The student is encouraged to work closely with counselors, and the department, to verify the appropriateness of courses for registration.

STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION

Date when completed

- _____ Complete and submit the Pensacola State College application (\$30) for general admission.
- _____ Complete the Florida Residency Affidavit (if applicable).
- _____ Request high school transcripts
- _____ Request all college transcripts
- _____ Complete the health-related program application and submit it to the Admissions Office on the Warrington Campus.

Complete test entrance requirement – TABE – for consideration into the Surgical Technology Program; if required.

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TO: REGISTRAR

Name of High School, College or University

Address of School

City

State

Zip Code

Please forward an official transcript of my academic work:

_____ College Transcript

_____ High School Record (showing graduation date or date of withdrawal)

_____ General Education Development Test Scores (GED)

_____ Transient Student Form/Letter of Good Standing (for non-degree transient students)

Mail transcript to:

**Admissions Office
Pensacola State College
1000 College Boulevard
Pensacola, FL 32504-8998**

The following information is furnished to assist you in locating my records:

Name _____

Name used when attending the institution listed above

Birthdate _____ Social Security Number _____

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