

# PENSACOLA STATE — COLLEGE —

## **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

### Information Packet

Health-Related Programs Admission Office

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Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs

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Pensacola State College  
Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
5555 West Highway 98  
Pensacola, Florida 32507

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## General Information

The Surgical Technology program at Pensacola State College is a yearlong course (1320 hours/44 vocational credits). The program prepares individuals to function as part of the team that provides surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. The Surgical Technologist works under medical supervision to ensure that the operating room is safe, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

A Surgical Technologist functions as a sterile member of a surgical team. The Surgical Technologist assists in preparing the operating room for surgical cases. A Surgical Technologist passes instruments and provides sterile items to the surgeons. The Surgical Technologist may also hold retractors or suction the operative site, to mention a few of the learned skills.

The ability to perform under pressure in stressful and emergency situations is a quality essential to Surgical Technologists. According to the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST), a Surgical Technologist must “have a stable temperament, a strong sense of responsibility, considerable patience, and concern for order”. “Manual dexterity and physical stamina are vital.” AST adds “Surgical Technologists must be able to work quickly and must be oriented to detail.”

Surgical Technologists work a 40 hour work week, and most are required to work “on call”, or “be available to work on short notice”.

### **When do classes begin?**

Surgical Technology classes start in the fall semester (August) of each year and continue through the summer semesters of the following year. The curriculum plan is attached.

### **Where are classes and clinicals held?**

Classes are held at the Warrington Campus of Pensacola State College. Clinical practice hours are scheduled in area hospitals and surgical facilities.

### **Are seats limited?**

Seats in the program are limited to 20 students. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to complete the application and testing requirements outlined below as soon as possible as students are offered seats on a first-qualified, first-seated basis.

### **How are students selected?**

Provisional acceptance letters are mailed in mid-January. The letter will include an acceptance form, the deadline to accept seat and the time and date for the mandatory orientation session. Candidates who do not attend the mandatory orientation, attend the informal meeting with program director, turn in all required medical documentation and complete drug screen and background check by set deadlines will be replaced with the next alternate on the candidate list until the class is full.

### **What are the admission requirements?**

Applicants must hold a High School diploma (or GED), be 18 years of age or older, and be able to read at the 11<sup>th</sup> grade level as demonstrated by a composite score of 11.0 or higher on the Nelson Denny Reading test.

## How do I apply?

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1.	Submit a Pensacola State College application. New students will be assessed a \$30.00 application fee. If you have not attended credit courses within the previous 12 months you need to submit a new/updated application.	
2.	2.0 vocational grade point average	
3.	Complete the Pensacola State College Transcript request form and send off for transcripts.	
4.	Complete the Application for Health-Related Programs. Submit it to the Health Admissions Office, Warrington Campus, Building 3600, 5555 West Highway 98, Pensacola, FL 32507	
5.	Take the Nelson-Denny Reading test. Applicants must achieve a composite score of 11.0 to be eligible for the Surgical Technology Program.	
6.	Make an appointment to take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE).	

Both the Nelson-Denny and the TABE tests are administered through the Testing Centers on the Warrington **484-1076** and Pensacola **484-1656** campuses. Call to schedule your tests.

When you have completed the **Pensacola State College application**, the **Application for Health-Related Programs**, the **Nelson-Denny Reading test with a composite score of 11.0**, the **Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)**, and your **transcripts are on file**, you will be an eligible candidate for the Surgical Technology Program. The program will begin notifying candidates in early spring of acceptance status. Students will attend an informal conference with the program director and also to attend a mandatory Surgical Technology Orientation where the registration, drug and background information will be discussed. Each candidate must have a Trial Schedule from the Program Director to register for Surgical Technology courses.

### Is there a health requirement?

Students are required to complete the Student Health Form which includes a physical examination and documentation of immunizations. This form will be provided to you as soon as your eligibility for the program is determined and must be completed and submitted as requested by the program director. This form must be signed by a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.

### Do I have to take a drug screen?

Yes, all students must have a urine drug screen. The drugs screened for are: alcohol, amphetamines, Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Phencyclidine, Opiates, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepine, Methadone, and Propoxyphene. Drug screen results may prevent a student from participating in the program.

### Background Checks

All students will undergo a background check. Background results may prevent a student from participating in the program.

**Who can I call if I have questions about the program or the application process?**

Department	Telephone #	Importance
<b>Health Related Admissions Office</b> Warrington Campus .....484-2210		Information and application packets are available for all health related programs.
<b>Admissions/Registrar Offices</b> Warrington Campus.....484-2270 Pensacola Campus.....484-1602 Milton Campus.....484-4410		Turn in your college application for admission at any of these campuses. The Registrar's office will verify that transcripts/ documents are received.
<b>Testing Centers</b> Warrington Campus .....484-1076 Pensacola Campus .....484-1656		Register for entrance exams. Will answer questions about entrance exams.
<b>Academic Counseling Offices</b> Warrington Campus .....484-2270 Pensacola Campus.....484-1660 Milton Campus .....484-4410		It is recommended that applicants contact an academic advisor for detailed information on the program requirements.

**What is the cost of the program?**

The following is a list of **APPROXIMATE** costs and are subject to change without notice.

Estimated Expenses	In-State	Alabama Residents	Out of State
Pensacola State College Application Fee (first time students)	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Tuition – 44 vocational credits Per credit hour: \$81.87 FL Resident, \$82.87 AL Resident and \$327.50 Out-of-State	\$ 3,602.28	\$ 3,646.28	\$14,410.00
Books	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
Lab Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$350.00
Uniforms, Shoes and Photocopying	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$125.00
Certification Exam	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00	\$290.00
<b>Total Approximate Costs</b>	<b>\$ 4,642.28</b>	<b>\$4,941.28</b>	<b>\$15,705.00</b>

**What about jobs after completion?**

Pensacola State College official job placement information is not available, but there is a need for qualified, highly trained surgical technologist in the local area.

**Is Pensacola State College's Surgical Technology Program Accredited?**

Surgical Technology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs.

**CURRICULUM PLAN: SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

<b>Term I – Fall</b>		<b>Credits</b>
*HSC 0005	Orientation to Health Sciences	1
*HSC 0591	Aids/OSHA for the Health Professional	1
*W 00753	CPR Healthcare Professional	
STS 0804	Basic Microbiology	2
*MEA 0230	Med Terminology with Anatomy & Physiology	3
*BSC 0070	Structure & Function	2
STS 0003C	Intro to Surgical Technology	6
	Total	15
<b>Term II – Spring</b>		
STS 0255L	Surgical Procedures Clinical I	9
STS 0120	Surgical Specialties I	2
STS 0803C	Pharmacology & Anesthesia	4
	Total	15
<b>Term IIIA – Summer A</b>		
STS 0256L	Surgical Procedures Clinical II	6
STS 0121	Surgical Specialties II	1
	Total	7
<b>Term IIIB – Summer B</b>		
STS 0257L	Surgical Procedures Clinical III	6
STS 0122	Surgical Specialties III	1
	Total	7
	Total Credits	44vc

\*Courses may be taken before starting the Surgical Technology Curriculum with approval of Program Director.

American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers, course number **W 00753** is required before clinicals begin (The approximate class and book cost is \$90.00).

To apply for the Surgical Technology program please complete the Health- Related Application through this link.

[http://www.pensacolastate.edu/forms-apps/admissionsForms/HealthRelated\\_app.pdf](http://www.pensacolastate.edu/forms-apps/admissionsForms/HealthRelated_app.pdf)

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**Application for Health Related Programs**

Student ID Number (Required) or DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle and /or Maiden \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Current Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the program(s) you want to apply for and return this form to the Health Program Admissions Office at 5555 West Highway 98, Pensacola, FL 32507; or fax it to (850) 484-2375. You may check multiple programs.

✓	Program	Start Dates		
	Career Mobility – Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse ⇒ Florida LPN License and CPR Certification required	Jan	May	
	Career Mobility – Paramedic to Registered Nurse ⇒ Florida Paramedic License and CPR Certification required	Jan	May	
	Certified Nursing Assistant ► Warrington Campus	Jan	Aug	
	Certified Nursing Assistant ► Century Campus	Jan	May	
	Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to Licensed Practical Nurse ⇒ Florida CNA License and CPR Certification required			Aug
	Dental Hygiene		May	
	EKG Technology Program			Aug
	EKG Aide ► Century Campus		June	
	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) ⇒ CPR Certification required	Jan	May	Aug
	Health Information Management			Aug
	Medical Information Coder/Biller Certificate			Aug
	Health Services Management	Jan	May	Aug
	Health Unit Coordinator			Aug
	Medical Assisting			Aug
	Medical Office Administration	Jan	May	Aug
	Medical Records Transcribing	Jan		Aug
	Nursing (A.D.) R.N.	Jan	May	Aug
	Nursing (A.D.) R.N. ⇒ Weekend/Evening Option – See Information Packet for specifics	Jan		
	Paramedic ⇒ Florida EMT License and CPR Certification required			Aug
	Perioperative Nursing ⇒ Registered Nursing License required			Aug
	Pharmacy Technician		May	
	Phlebotomy	Jan	May	Aug
	Physical Therapist Assistant			Aug
	Practical Nursing	Jan	June	
	Public Safety Telecommunicator (911 Emergency Dispatcher)	Jan		Aug
	Radiography		June	
	Sonography	Jan		
	Surgical Technology			Aug
	Veterinary Technology			Aug

Detailed information packets with admission requirements for each program are available at  
[www.pensacolastate.edu/healthprograms](http://www.pensacolastate.edu/healthprograms)

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 Date Signature of Health-Related Program Applicant

It is your responsibility to keep your address and phone number current with the college.