



Surgical Technology FAQ's

Can I do this program part-time or in the evenings only?

The Surgical Technology program is only offered during the day and for full-time hours.

Where are the Surgical Technology classes held?

All our didactic courses are at the Gwinnett Technical College Lawrenceville campus.

How long is the program?

Prerequisite educational and core courses may take a year or longer depending on classes needed and student course load choices. Following completion of prerequisite courses and acceptance into the program, the Surgical Technology program is three consecutive semesters, about 12 months.

How many students are accepted in each class?

Each cohort of Surgical Technology students is approximately 20. The Surgical Technology program ties the admission numbers/class size to the appropriate available clinical sites. The Surgical Technology program is CAAHEP accredited and follows accreditation guidelines.

Can I finish my college pre-requisites in the semester my application is considered?

Yes, the Surgical Technology program will still consider candidates who are finishing their last pre-requisites. However, students who are completed by the application deadline (June 1 for Fall admission, October 10 for Spring admission) will be considered first.

Is a criminal background check and drug screen a program requirement?

Yes. Students accepted into the program will receive information regarding the drug screening and criminal background process.

Are Surgical Technology students in class a lot during the week?

Surgical Technology courses vary by semester. First semester courses are held from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm due to lecture and demonstration labs along with practice labs.

In the preceding semesters, students will be in clinical from 6:45 am until 3:15 pm three to four days a week, and in class 8:30 am until 4:00 pm one to two days a week.

Do I get to choose my clinical sites?

Surgical Technology students may be assigned to any of the clinical sites utilized by the program and may NOT request assignment to a particular site for any reason. Consideration for placement is dependent on many factors at the discretion of the clinical director.

Will I have to wear a uniform and dress a certain way when I am a Surgical Technology student?

Yes, the Gwinnett Technical College Surgical Technology students represent themselves, the Surgical Technology profession and Gwinnett Technical College at all times. Surgical Technology students will meet the dress code as is laid out in the student handbook. The Surgical Technology student is required to comply with the dress code for all class, clinical and campus events.

I have a B.S. degree or higher. Is there an accelerated plan for me to enter the Surgical Technology program?

No. All applicants must complete all prerequisites as stated. No exception or advance placement is made for those with advanced education regardless of the type of degree.

I need to work part-time if I am accepted to the Surgical Technology program. Is this a possibility?

The amount of time a Surgical Technology student must spend in study, practice and attending clinical rotations is significant. The Surgical Technology program cannot make accommodations for a student's work schedule. Most Surgical Technology students find it difficult to maintain passing grades in their Surgical Technology courses and work at the same time, but it can be done if one is determined and organized.

Are your graduates able to sit for the CST national certification exam?

Yes. Gwinnett Tech Surgical Technology graduates are required to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam as a requirement for graduation.