

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

SURGICAL FIRST ASSIST

Revision Date: 11/2023

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: SUFA 1030
Course Title: Principles of Surgical First Assisting
Prerequisite(s): Admission into the Surgical First Assist Program

Catalog Description: Explore the surgical assistant role including: defining scope of practice, professional skills, legal and ethical responsibilities, and postoperative patient care management. Understand all hazards preparation including an understanding of disaster planning.

Credit Hours: 2
Class Hours: 30
Lab Hours: 0
Total Contact Hours: 30

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Describe the role(s) of the surgical assistant during a disaster
2. Explain the role of the surgical assistant
3. Describe the scope of practice for the surgical assistant
4. Describe cultural, religious, or ethical differences that could influence perceptions of an event or situation
5. Describe effective conflict resolution skills and the importance of compromise
6. Identify methods of stress management
7. Describe effective business practices
8. Describe common complications, emergencies, and treatment

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

A. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: *Student will be able to:*

1. Demonstrate an understanding of putting the plan into action in preparation for a disaster
2. Assess the federal, state, and local agencies that are involved in disaster planning and preparation
3. Analyze the legal issues involved in disasters as it related to surgical assistants
4. Assess the physical and mental stresses that can occur as a caregiver both during disaster and post-disaster
5. Analyze the professional organizations that impact the surgical assistant and the goals of each
6. Demonstrate appropriate interpersonal skills including listening and communication
7. Analyze teamwork and how to build effective teams
8. Analyze legal responsibilities relevant to the surgical assistant
9. Evaluate risk management practices

10. Identify the key components of the transfer of care

B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

GELO 3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Outcome: Synthesize information to arrive at reasoned solutions to problems.

IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)

1. Interpersonal Skills
2. Intraoperative Emergencies
3. Legal Responsibilities
4. Ethical Decisions
5. All Hazards Preparation
6. Business Practices

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. Required Text(s):

Rothrock, Alexander's *Care of the Patient in Surgery* (current edition)

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

A. Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:

Lecture with Power Point slides, videos, demonstration, course objectives, class participation, assigned readings in textbooks.

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

SCC STANDARD GRADING SCALE POLICY:

A+	95-100	C+	75-79
A	90-94	C	70-74
B+	85-89	D+	65-69
B	80-84	D	60-64
		F	Below 60

VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A grade of C+ is the minimum passing grade for Principles of Surgical First Assisting course.

For specific course requirements see the Course Information Document (CID) and program handbook.