

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION
SURGICAL FIRST ASSIST
Revision Date: 11/2023

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: SUFA 1050
Course Title: Clinical Externship 1
Prerequisite(s): Admission into the Surgical First Assist Program

Catalog Description: Practices acquired assisting skills in the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases of surgery. Individual assignment to a qualified clinical preceptor who will provide direct supervision in every surgical procedure.

Credit Hours: 3
Class Hours: 0
Clinical Hours: 135
Total Contact Hours: 135

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Discuss skills in positioning the patient for various surgical specialties, utilizing positioning devices, and maintaining patient stability
2. Describe the application of various types of tourniquets
3. Discuss the types of surgical skin preparations
4. Discuss the proper draping technique for each surgical specialty
5. Understand the role of the surgical assistant in the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases of surgery

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

1. Assess potential perioperative complications
2. Interpret surgical listing information into predicted tasks of the surgical assistant role in the operating room
3. Apply knowledge in the selection and use of surgical instruments and demonstrate proficiency in tissue dissection and handling
4. Identify potential patient safety issues of instrument usage
5. Demonstrate selection and use of specialized equipment
6. Determine and demonstrate method(s) for achieving optimal operative site exposure according to the surgical procedure
7. Analyze the specific patient care factors the surgical assistant should coordinate with the surgical team
8. Demonstrate ability to choose the appropriate method of hemostasis and apply as appropriate
9. Identify the key components of the transfer of care
10. Identify the principles of postoperative pain and wound management

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. Preoperative Phase
2. Intraoperative Phase
3. Postoperative Phase

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. Required Text(s):

Rothrock, Alexander's *Care of the Patient in Surgery*
Trajecsys Report System access

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

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

1. Clinical experience within an assigned clinical institution, course objectives, Surgeon preceptor/Certified Surgical First Assistant direction.

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

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

GRADING SYSTEM: Current college grading system. A grade of C+ is the minimum passing grade for this course.

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

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