

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
Created Date: Fall 2023**

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number:	SURT 1910
Course Title:	Professional Practice of the Surgical Technologist
Prerequisite(s):	Admission to the Surgical Technology Program
Catalog Description:	Introduction to the history of surgical technology & healthcare facility organizational structure. Course includes communication & leadership skills necessary for success as a member of the operating room team as well as the study of ethical and legal aspects of the surgical environment. Development of multicultural awareness and its impact on the care of the surgical patient.
Credit Hours:	2
Class Hours:	30
Lab Hours:	0
Total Contact Hours:	30

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Develop the professional and interpersonal skills necessary to foster success of the student in securing and maintaining employment as a surgical technologist.
2. Expand the student's understanding of applicable law and ethics that affect the practice of the surgical technologist.
3. Develop an awareness of diversity and multicultural needs and their impact on healthcare.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Describe the characteristics of the professional surgical technologist.
2. Define and describe types of communication relationships.
3. Discuss goals of communication.
4. Describe the significance of content and tone in communication.
5. Demonstrate body language and non-verbal communication.
6. Discuss methods for successful surgical team participation.
7. Discuss strategies for the attainment of effective team goals.
8. Compare and contrast individual skills vs. collaboration roles and responsibilities.
9. Identify the skills necessary to resolve conflict in the workplace.
10. Distinguish the types of behavioral concerns found in society.
11. Discuss the strategies to negotiate effective problem resolution.
12. Evaluate the methods to prevent conflict in the surgical arena.
13. Review the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Patient Care Partnership
14. Understand the influence of ethics in professional practice.
15. Discuss the role of morality during ethical decision-making.

16. Discuss examples of ethical situations and problems in the health profession.
17. Discuss the key elements related to developing a surgical conscience.
18. Review principles of problem-solving in ethical decision-making.
19. Discuss principles of patient confidentiality, including verbal and written.
20. Analyze the concepts of law.
21. Define the various types of legal doctrines.
22. Discuss the concepts that influence the standards of conduct.
23. Analyze the legal elements of proper documentation.
24. Describe the types of sentinel events.
25. Summarize the intentions of risk management.
26. Assess employment opportunities for the surgical technologist.
27. Identify the characteristics of a successful leader.
28. Discuss the functions and roles of leadership.
29. Explore pathways to advance in management roles.
30. Compare the different roles of the team members in the surgical setting.
31. Identify the proper chain of command in the operating room.
32. Describe the healthcare facility (HCF) departments that provide direct and indirect patient care.
33. Describe the healthcare agencies that impact the provision of surgical services.

B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. GELO 3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Outcome: Evaluate the validity of arguments, alternatives, date, outcomes, and/or impacts of actions.

2. GELO 6: Career and Life Skills

Outcome: Employ effective interpersonal and intrapersonal communication skills.

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

A. Theory components of the Course

1. Unit 1 - Healthcare Facility Organizational Structure and Health Occupations
2. Unit 2 - Leadership, Interpersonal Relationships and Teamwork
3. Unit 3 - Professional Law, Ethics and Morals
4. Unit 4 - Multicultural Awareness

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. Required Text(s):

Association of Surgical Technologists. Surgical Technology for the Surgical Technologist
(current edition)

Nemitz, Renee. *Surgical Instrumentation: An Interactive Approach* (current edition)

Goldman, M. A. *Pocket Guide to the Operating Room* (current edition)

Pieknik, R. *Suture and Surgical Hemostasis; A Pocket Guide* (current edition)

AST Surgical Technologist Certifying Exam Study Guide (current edition)

B. Other Resources:

Guest Lecture, Handouts, Videos and small group work to be used at instructor's discretion.

Outside Reading/Research Required: Student may use books, internet resources, and the College Placement Office to obtain information on resume writing and job search skills.

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

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

1. Lecture

2. Video
3. Demonstration
4. Case Studies
5. Handout Material
6. Syllabus Objectives
7. Class Participation/Presentations
8. Guest Presenters
9. Small Group Projects

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

For specific course requirements please see the Course Information Document (CID) and Program Handbook.

Minimum passing final grade for this course is a 75% (C+).