

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: SURT 1920
Course Title: Career Readiness for the Surgical Technologist
Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Surgical Technology Program

Catalog Description: The study of the patient-centered clinical experience and all aspects of the perioperative care of the surgical patient through completion of a patient care study. Development of employability skills and exposure to professional organizations related to the practice of the surgical technologist. Preparation for the National Surgical Technologist Certification Exam by recitation and mock exams.

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

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Provide students with the opportunity to fully comprehend the entire surgical experience from the patient's perspective including all phases of the surgical procedure.
2. Assist the student in developing the employability skills necessary to obtain employment following graduation.
3. Prepare the student to successfully pass the National Surgical Technologist Certification exam.

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. Compare and contrast professional organizations related to the profession.
3. Describe the credentialing options available to the surgical technologist.
4. Assess employment opportunities for the surgical technologist.
5. Evaluate personal employability qualities and develop an employment strategy that includes positive characteristics.
6. Compare and contrast various types of employment applications and follow-up correspondence.
7. Analyze various interview strategies.
8. Compare and contrast the various roles in the surgical technology profession.
9. Develop a plan of action to secure employment in the healthcare field.
10. Develop a professional resume.
11. Prepare for and take the National Surgical Technologist Certification exam.

B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. GELO 3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Outcome: Evaluate the validity of arguments, alternatives, data, 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 - Patient Care Studies
2. Unit 2 - Career Development
3. Unit 3 - Credentialing and Professional Organizations

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+).