



Program Map 2023-2024

Surgical Services

Associate in Science Degree



Program Description:

The purpose of this program is to prepare you to become a certified surgical technologist. Team members of the healthcare team, they work in operating rooms, ambulatory surgery centers, central supply, labor and delivery areas, cardiac catheterization laboratories, private physician offices, and other settings where invasive procedures are performed. This program is two years in length and requires classroom, laboratory, and clinical hours. Students are prepared to take the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.

Length: 64 Credit Hours

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Program Map to choose courses, with your program navigator's assistance, and track your progress toward milestones and the completion of the program. Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students.

Pre-Degree Requirements / Recommendations for Success

- A. Completed online SFSC College and Surgical Services Application
- B. Demonstrate competency in English, reading and Math as prescribed in the SFSC College Catalog
- C. Submission of all official transcripts, including high school/GED transcript and official transcript from each college attended
- D. Placement test scores from any one of the following tests: ACT, SAT I®, PERT
- E. Submission of three reference forms completed by the applicant's current or most recent employer, an instructor/professor, or a person of the applicant's choice that is not a relative (form available on nursing program website). These must be received at the nursing department in a sealed envelope.
- F. Prior to final acceptance and enrollment, the applicant must submit:
 - a. Record of physical health exam and immunizations from a licensed physician or nurse practitioner (forms will be provided after contingent acceptance into the program).
 - b. Florida Department of Law Enforcement fingerprinting (will be scheduled prior to enrollment).
 - c. Results of 10-Panel Drug Screen

Recommended Soft Skills

- Communication
- Compassion
- Critical Thinking
- Teamwork
- Commitment
- Integrity



Pre-Requisites					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	*^ENC1101	Freshmen English I	3	General Education Course
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	+HSC1532	Medical Terminology	3	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	+BSC1085C	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	General Education Course Corequisite BSC1085L
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	+STS1302	Introduction to Surgical Technology	2	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	SLS1106	First Year Experience Seminar	1	May opt out if meet criteria, see GPS Coach or Academic Advisor for details
+Pre-requisite courses				13	

First Term					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	*BSC 1086C	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	General Education Course
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1303	Fundamentals of Surgical Technology	2	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	**^	Mathematics Core	3	General Education Course
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1307	Surgical Equipment and Instrumentation	3	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1327L	Principles and Practices of Surgical Technology Lab	2	
				14	

Second Term					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	**^	Humanities Core	3	General Education Course
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1304L	Operating Room Techniques Lab	3	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1323	Surgical Procedures I	3	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2944L	Surgical Clinical I	3	
				12	

Third Term					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH 1020 or POS 1041	Introductory Survey Since 1877 or American Government	3	General Education Course; Must also pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology	3	General Education Course
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1308	Perioperative Patient Care Concepts	2	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2324	Surgical Procedures II	2	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2945L	Surgical Clinical II	3	
				13	

Fourth Term					
Seq. #	Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisites/Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2340	Surgical Pharmacology	2	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2360	Professional Skills for the Surgical Technologist	2	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1931	Surgical Technology Special Topics Seminar	3	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2179	Surgical Biomedical Fundamentals	2	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2946L	Surgical Clinical III	3	
				12	
Total Program Credits				64	

* Check the course description for prerequisites.

** It is your responsibility to meet with the instructional supervisor or counselor to select the proper course to fulfill this requirement.

^ It may be necessary to first enroll in a lower level English, math, or reading course depending on college placement test scores.

+ Prerequisite program application requirement.

Note: Computer competency skills and speech communication general education requirements are covered within the Surgical Services curriculum for the associate degree.

Please always check online at [College Catalog](#) and meet with your academic advisor or program navigator to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.



Career Resources

[SFSC's Career Development Center](#) website provides detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer programs.

Career Information

Common Job Titles

Surgical Technologist

Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. The surgical technologist works under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures. This individual works under the supervision of a surgeon to ensure that the operation room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. Job titles include Surgical Technologist (Tech), Scrub Tech, and First Assistant,

Regional Labor Market Information

- Higher than average job growth expected in Florida
- Service District
 - Average annual starting salary \$42, 604
 - Average salary with experience \$50,000 - \$65,000

Career and Labor Market Research Tools

[HireMedTechs.com](#)
[Indeed.com](#)
[CareerOneStop](#)
[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

Legend

GPS Coach = the individual who assists with your orientation to SFSC and gets you started on your path.

Academic Advisor = the individual who helps you plan your coursework and recommends the best path for you.

Program Navigator = the individual who keeps you on your path and leads you all the way to graduation.