

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Is Surgical Technology for me?

The field is for you if you ...

- Have an assertive personality.
- Are able to stand for long periods of time.
- Have good manual dexterity.
- Can multi-task.
- Are organized and detail oriented.

What skills will I need for this field?

You will need to have...

- Knowledge of basic surgical instrumentation/equipment.
- Knowledge of aseptic techniques.
- Knowledge of surgical procedures, anatomy, physiology and medical terminology.

What is the work atmosphere like?

Locations may include: operating room of acute care facilities or surgical centers, OB department of acute care, or sterile processing area.

What are my degree options?

Certificate

Surgical Technology

Associate's Degree

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Surgical Technology

Professional Certification

Must receive certificate from an accredited program in order to sit for the certification exam. Becoming certified makes you a Surgical Technologist.

What are my career opportunities?

Surgical Technologist advanced training is typically done on the job. Some formal training programs are available to become First Assistant and Sterile Processing Manager.

What can I do with these degrees?

If you have completed ...

Certificate

Certified Surgical Technologist

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Helps continue his/her education

How can I prepare now?

Recommended courses ...

Science

As many sciences as possible with a focus on Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Medical Terminology.

What about my articulated credit?

Check with your high school coordinator to see if you are eligible for articulated credit at College of DuPage.

What should I take in my first semester at C.O.D.?

A&P 1551 and 1552 OR 1571 and 1572

HSCI 110 (recommended)

Medical Terminology

Whom can I talk to for more information?

Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division

(630)-942-2495

For more information on the Associate in Applied Science Degree curriculum, see your program coordinator or go to www.cod.edu.