

Surgical Services Program

APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM

Application Opens: Last Friday in January

Application Deadline: Last Friday in April

Program Begins: August

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INTRODUCTION

Applicants should carefully review the application procedures outlined. Admission to the Surgical Technology program is on a competitive basis. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application process is complete.

NOTE: If at any time during the application process you have a change of address or other personal information, submit this information to the Educational Services Department and Health Science Division by supplying documentation (i.e. copy of driver license, marriage license, new email, cell phone).

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the Surgical Services program is to provide a dynamic, behavioral and highly technical process directed toward the learning, application and participation of the surgical team member with continuous concern and awareness of the patient as the center focus of care.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROFESSION

Surgical technologists are Allied health professionals, who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients. Surgical technologists work under supervision and delegated authority of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive and non-invasive surgical procedures, ensuring that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. Surgical technologists are experts in the theory and application of principles of asepsis and sterile technique to combined the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation and tool technology to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

PROGRAM PURPOSE STATEMENT

Program Goals and Minimum Expectations:

The program must have the following minimum expectations statement: "To prepare entry level Surgical Technologists who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession."

SURGICAL SERVICES PROGRAM CURRICULUM Credit Hours

*General Education courses should be taken prior to acceptance into the program or must be completed while enrolled in the program. All core curriculum (STS prefix), English, A.S. humanities, math, and natural science courses require a grade of "C" or higher. Students must complete all degree requirements to graduate. See the College Catalog for specific requirements for the A.S. degree in Surgical Services.

Priority consideration for admission to the program will be given to those who have completed Anatomy and Physiology and the corequisite lab (BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L), Anatomy and Physiology II and corequisite lab (BSC 2086 and BSC 2086L), and Medical Terminology I (HSC 2531) and Microbiology for Health Science with corequisite lab (MCB 2010 and MCB 2010L).

Students must complete all degree requirements to graduate. See the College Catalog for specific requirements for the A.S. degree in Surgical Services.

Classes in the Surgical Services program meet four to five days per week for four to eight hours per day. Students need to arrange travel and other commitments to arrive at class or clinical assignments on time. Classes generally begin at 9:00 a.m. Clinical rotations generally begin at 6:00 a.m. or 6:30 a.m. and end at either 3:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Occasional weekend and evening rotations are required. Students should be prepared to travel to any of the clinical education sites located within the four county service district of Indian River State College: St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee and Indian River counties. All clinical education sites are located within a one hour driving distance from the Massey Campus.

Refer to the IRSC website www.irsc.edu. Click Quick Links, Course Catalog. On the content column, Click Associate In Science and Select Surgical Services. All core curriculum natural science courses, English, humanities, and A.S. math require a grade of "C" or higher.

SURGICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the national certification exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARCSTSA).

The curriculum includes General Education requirements as well as depth instruction in professional behaviors, ethical and legal issues, pharmacology, pathophysiology, and surgical procedures.

The clinical education component of the program is conducted at community partner facilities which include acute care facilities, ambulatory surgery centers, specialty surgery centers, and physician offices that serve the four county area. Program graduates may choose to continue their education at the university level, or further specialize in surgical services with a surgical first assistant certification (CSFA).

Performance Standards	Examples of Necessary Activities (not all inclusive)
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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Academic performance in the general education courses for the A.S. Degree in Surgical Services and cumulative college grade point average are indicative of the probability of an applicant's

Examination and Immunization Form

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for reapplication to a Health Science program after resolution of the health problem. An updated health record, verified by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or an ARNP must be submitted.

Indian River State College and partnering clinical sites require all health science students who