

## Surgical Technology

Surgical Technology is an 11 month, 900 hour (500 hours clinical, 400 hours lecture) program to prepare graduates to assist the surgeon in the operating room. Surgical technologists are important members of the surgical team who prepare the operating room equipment and instruments, assist the patient before, during, and after surgery, and pass the instruments to the surgeon during procedures. There is a continuing need for these workers. Starting salaries are approximately \$16 - \$23 per hour, which may increase with experience.

**What the program is like?** The first part, the Surgical Technology Science series, is a set of classroom courses to provide you with a science and terminology base. The classes usually meet 2-3 days per week, about 3 hours per day. Once the Surgical Technology I, II, III, IV and V courses begin, you will be in the classroom for 1 full day of classroom instruction, and at the hospital 2 full days per week (7:00 am - 3:30pm) per week.

**What is required to apply?** A Compass reading score of 79 or higher or credit in ENG 100 is required.

The work of the surgical technologist includes long hours of standing, wearing full surgical garb, lifting, and turning to reach instruments and equipment or to assist the patient. The environment can be stressful and fast-paced. Team work is a high priority. Many agencies also require a criminal background check and urine drug screening.

### **What can I do to prepare for this?**

If you think you may be interested in this program, you can begin by taking the prerequisite science courses. Equivalent credit courses may be accepted in their place. These courses must have been taken within the last 5 years. Here are some suggestions:

#### **Biology:**

BIOL 130 at KapCC  
ZOOL 141 & 142 at KapCC or HonCC  
ZOOL 240 & 241 at LeeCC

#### **Microbiology:**

MICRO 130

#### **Medical Terminology:**

HLTH 121 or 125 at KapCC or any 15-hour medical term course either credit or non-credit.

**How are students selected for the program?** A lottery may be used for selection of qualified students. There are 14-18 students selected for each class.

**When does it start?** The next classes for prerequisites will begin Summer 2009 with the Surgical Technology Science Series (biology, microbiology, introduction to surgical technology and medical technology). The remaining Surgical Technology courses will begin Fall 2009 with the regular semester schedule. The program will cover two semesters and a summer, concluding in mid-June, 2010.

**How do I pay for this?** Tuition assistance may be available for eligible applicants. Due to the demands of the program, you may be able to work part-time. Full time employment is not recommended during the program. Additional costs include: Books, program module, program assessment exam, and protective eyewear, personal medical insurance, health requirements, etc.

#### **Surgical Technology Science**

Surg Tech Biology 30 hours	\$369
Surg Tech Microbiology 20 hours	\$255
Surg Tech Introduction 10 hours	\$189
Medical Terminology 15 hours	\$195
Surgical Tech I 175 hours	\$2,495
Surgical Tech II 175 hours	\$2,495
Surgical Tech III 175 hours	\$2,495
Surgical Tech IV 175 hours	\$2,495
Surgical Tech V 130 hours	\$2,495

*Cost includes tuition and program fees.*

### **Surgical Technology Introduction**

will not be available until 2009. The advantage to taking the credit courses is that they may apply to degree or certificate health education program such as Nursing, Respiratory Care, Physical or Occupational Therapist Assistant, Medical Assisting or Emergency Medical Services. Consider one of these health fields as an alternative.

There will be mandatory information sessions in Spring 2009. Please contact the Nursing Department in Jan. 2009 for the dates of the Information Session.

To have a brochure mailed to you, call 734-9305 to leave your name, address, phone number, and email and the programs in which you are interested.

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## **Surgical Technology Program**

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