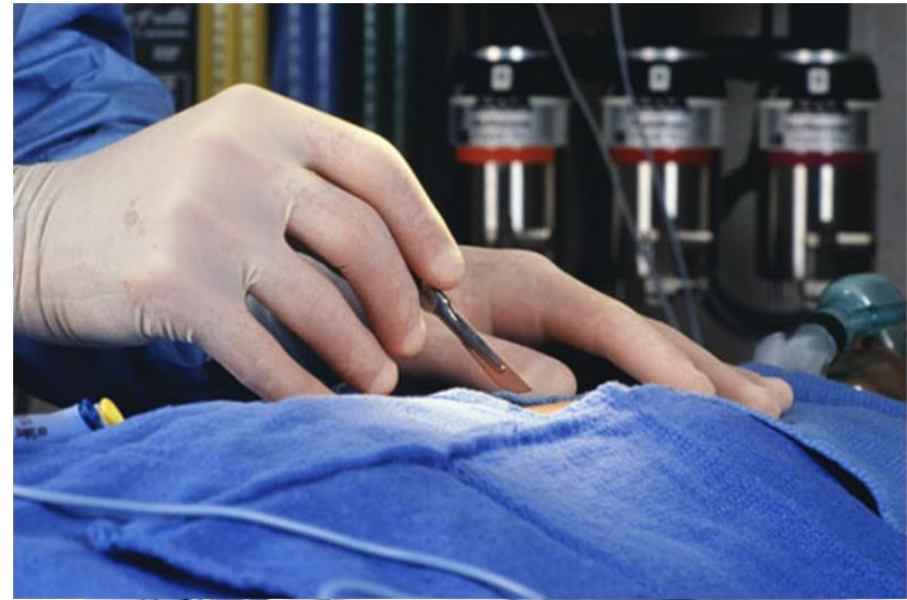# HEALTH CAREER
PROGRAMS

Surgical Technology
INFORMATION SESSION

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Role of the Surgical Technologist
(Case Management)

- Preoperative
  - Create the sterile field
- Intraoperative
  - Enter and maintain the sterile field
- Postoperative
  - Prepare for the next patient

Salary

- Nationally – approximately $46,310 per year ($22.26 per hour)
  - According to The Bureau of Labor Statistics http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/surgical-technologists.htm
- Illinois – average of $22.30 per hour (Entry level $18-20 per hour)
  - According to the Association of Surgical Technologists http://www.ast.org/uploadedFiles/Main_Site/Content/Members/2016_Salary_Map.pdf

Job Outlook

"Employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 12 percent from now to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations."

http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/surgical-technologists.htm

Areas of Employment

- Primarily hospital operating rooms

- Surgery centers

- Birthing centers

http://drjennifermercier.com/c-section-recovery-program

Accreditation

- Surgical Technology programs are accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP – www.caahep.org)

- Upon recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA – www.arcstsa.org)

Certification

- Exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA – www.nbstsa.org)

- Required by the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation to obtain a license

- Graduates of accredited surgical technology programs are eligible to apply to take the certification exam

THE NATIONAL BOARD
OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
AND SURGICAL ASSISTING

Professional Organization

Association of Surgical Technologists

www.ast.org

Program Information – Associate Degree

- 2 Years (5 semesters)

- Full-time

- Daytime classes

- Classroom, Simulation Lab, Clinical Experience
  - Clinical Case Requirement (minimum of 120 Surgical Procedures)

Prerequisites

- High School Diploma or GED

- Attendance at a Surgical Technology Information Session

- Computer proficiency as evidenced by transcripts, employer documentation, student documentation or completion of CIS 100

- Must score at the college level or better on the Reading and Writing placement exam or course equivalency

- Placement exam scores must not be more than two years old

Prerequisites

- Completion of prerequisite courses must not be more than five years old and all coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher

- A criminal history records check with no disqualifying convictions is required prior to admission to the program

- Surgical technology courses must be taken in sequence and all program requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher

Prerequisites

- Students must complete all health and clinical requirements (includes American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification, drug screening, and any additional information required by clinical site) prior to registration of SRT 205 and the requirement must be maintained through SRT 215

Prerequisites (continued)

Prior to Program Admission		Credit Hours
AHL 120	Comprehensive Medical Terminology	3
BIS 136 Or	Functional Human Anatomy 1	4
BIS 240	Human Anatomy/Physiology 1	4
MAT 055	Algebra & Geometry 1	4
	Total Prerequisites	11

SRT Semester One

Semester One		Credit Hours
AHL 202	Comprehensive Medical Ethics	3
RHT 101	Freshmen Rhetoric & Composition 1	3
SRT 100	Surgical Technology Basics	3
SRT 110	Basic Surgical Skills Theory	3
SRT 111	Basic Surgical Skills Lab	3
	Semester One Total	15

SRT Semester Two

Semester Two		Credit Hours
BIS 222	Principles of Microbiology	4
SRT 120	Basic Surgical Procedures	5
SRT 121	Advanced Surgical Skills Lab	3
	Semester Two Total	12

SRT Semester Three

Semester Three		Credit Hours
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SRT 130	Specialty Surgical Procedures	6
SRT 131	Surgical Simulation Lab	3
	Semester Three Total	12

SRT Semester Four

Semester Four		Credit Hours
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SRT 200	Professional Development	6
SRT 205	Clinical Experience 1	3
	Semester Four Total	12

SRT Semester Five

Semester Five		Credit Hours
SPE 101	Principles of Effective Speaking	3
SRT 210	Certification Exam Prep	6
SRT 215	Clinical Experience II	3
	Semester Five Total	12
	Total Program Credits Required	63

Admission Procedure

- Attend Information Session

- Complete College Application

- Send or bring Official High School and/or College transcripts to the Admissions Office in B110

- Complete Program Application

Please contact your advisor for additional details

Selective Enrollment
(the most qualified students are accepted)

- Point system – Higher the grade/Higher the points

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Application Deadlines

Application Deadline

- September 15th

- January 15th

- March 15th

- June 1st   If seats available

Please apply at www.triton.edu/healthapp

Cost Summary (2019-2020 Tuition)

- In-District Tuition
  - $128.00/credit hour (all classes except SRT)
  - $200.00/credit hour (all SRT classes)
  - Additional fees apply (lab fees, student fees, etc.)
- Out-of-District Tuition
  - $333.35/credit hour (all classes except SRT)
  - $365.00/credit hour (all SRT classes)
- Out-of-State/International: $418.06/credit hour
  - Additional fees apply

Please refer to Triton College Catalog for details

http://www.triton.edu/tuition/?terms=tuition

Triton District Includes

Bellwood	Hines	Oak Park
Berkeley	LaGrange Park*	River Forest
Broadview	Maywood	River Grove
Brookfield*	Melrose Park	Riverside
Elmwood Park	Norridge*	Rosemont*
Forest Park	Northlake	Schiller Park
Franklin Park	North Riverside	Stone Park
Harwood Heights*	Norwood Park*	Westchester
Hillside		

*Indicates only a portion of the community is within the district

CAREER

Formerly called the "Chargeback" Program

Triton College participates in the Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources (CAREER), which allows students interested in completing an Associate of Applied Science or certificate program not offered at their home community college to receive in-district tuition at another participating community college. With prior approval, out of district students may enroll in an Applied Science program at Triton College that may not be available through their local community college. Students are encouraged to contact their home community college for approval to enroll in a specified program of study. Upon receipt of this approval, Triton College will assess them at the in-district rate.

http://www.triton.edu/career/?terms=joint%20cooperative%20agreement

Important Allergy Information!

If you have an allergy to latex, a career in healthcare may **NOT** be appropriate for you.

Please consult your physician.

Questions

Do you want to know:

– What will you see?

– How does it smell?

– When do I take my break/lunch?

– Physical demands of the profession?

– Attitudes of the team members?

– ???