



Surgical Technology

Department: Health

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Spring (Cedar Rapids); Fall (Distance Education locations: Indian Hills Community College, North Iowa Area Community College, Northeast Iowa Community College)

Length: 2 years (4 semesters)

- **Award-winning faculty** teach the curriculum and are passionate about sharing their knowledge so students can be **successful**.
- **Students participate** in nearly every category of surgical specialties.
- Amazing **clinical opportunities** are provided at local and regional medical facilities where **students assist actual surgeons and patients**.
- The **Surgical Technology lab** simulates an **actual operating room** with equipment used by surgical teams and helps teach students **the phases of surgery**.
- Kirkwood Surgical Technology (ST) students have **many employment opportunities** in operating rooms and ambulatory surgical centers.
- **Kibbie Grant:** Students in this program may be eligible to have half their tuition paid for by the Kibbie Grant. Go to www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie for more details.

Program Description

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 operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

A surgical technologist possesses expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique and combines the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

This program has a mandatory background check for clinical purposes.

Career Opportunities

Hospital operating rooms
Sales representative
Ambulatory surgery centers
Teaching
Hospital labor and delivery
Hospital central supply
Sterile processing

Sample Classes

Basic Anatomy and Physiology
Medical Terminology
Introduction to Surgical Technology
Fundamentals of Surgical Technology/Lab
Sciences of Surgical Technology
Surgical Specialties/Lab
Surgical Technology Clinic I and II

Accreditation

Kirkwood's Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in collaboration with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) based on recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). Graduates will apply to take the national certifying examination for certified surgical technologist. Certification is strongly recommended, and occasionally required, for employment.

Please see the reverse side for accreditation contact information.

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

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