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Preface

Surgical Technology Research Synopsis

Surgical technicians, scrub tech, and operation room technicians (OR Techs) assist in surgery under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. They prepare the room for surgery by laying out instruments and equipment. They are responsible for the assembly, maintenance, and sterilization of surgical equipment and supplies. In addition to the maintenance and care for surgical equipment, surgical technicians prepare patients for surgery as well by shaving and sterilizing incision sites. During surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons and surgical assistants. They may hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments. Surgical technologists help prepare, care for, and dispose of specimens taken for laboratory analysis and help apply dressings. Some operate sterilizers, lights, or suction machines and help operate diagnostic equipment. After an operation, surgical technologists may help transfer patients to the recovery room and clean and restock the operating room (US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010).

Articles, books, Web sites, and other materials listed at the end of each course were considered during the revision process and were especially useful in providing insight into trends and issues in the field. These references are suggested for use by instructors and students during the study of the topics outlined.

Industry advisory team members from colleges throughout the state were asked to give input related to changes to be made to the curriculum framework. Specific comments related to soft skills needed in this program included punctuality, attentiveness, professionalism, adaptability, and initiative. Occupational-specific skills stated included knowledge of sterile technique, surgical instruments, medical terminology, and anatomy, the ability to handle special drugs and solutions, and being adaptable to the needs of the surgeon and surgery team. Safety practices emphasized include maintaining a sterile field, infection control, proper handling of sharps, radiation safety, and universal precautions.

Needs of the Future Workforce

There were over 91,000 surgical technologists employed in the United States in 2009 (EMSI, 2009). Hospitals are and will continue to be the top employers of surgical technologists although opportunities will be available in other establishments (US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009). The surgical technology occupation is projected to have much faster than average growth over the projection period in the United States, 24%, and in Mississippi, 26% (EMSI, 2009). Job prospects will be good for individuals with certifications or associate degrees as hospitals seek to fill open positions as well as replacements (EMSI, 2009; US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009).
Surgical Technology Employment Projections and Earnings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>2009 Jobs</th>
<th>2019 Jobs</th>
<th>Change</th>
<th>% Change</th>
<th>Current Median Hourly Earnings</th>
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<tr>
<td>Regional Total</td>
<td>1,087</td>
<td>1,366</td>
<td>279</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>$15.13</td>
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<td>National Total</td>
<td>91,128</td>
<td>112,930</td>
<td>21,802</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>$18.61</td>
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Source: EMSI Complete Employment - 4th Quarter 2009

Curriculum

The following national standards were referenced in each course of the curriculum:

- CTB/McGraw-Hill LLC Tests of Adult Basic Education, forms 7 and 8 Academic Standards
- 21st Century Skills
- Standards Based on the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology

Industry and instructor comments, along with current research, were considered by the curriculum revision team during the revision process; and changes were made as needed and appropriate. Many of the skills and topics noted in the research were already included in the curriculum framework. Specific changes made to the curriculum at the February 23–24, 2010, and September 13, 2012, curriculum revision meeting included the following:

- Competencies and objectives were reviewed to ensure accuracy and appropriateness.
- Aligned standards were reviewed to ensure accuracy and appropriateness.
- The Recommended Tools and Equipment list was updated.
- An articulation agreement between Secondary Allied Health and Postsecondary Surgical Technology was formulated and appears in detail later in this section.
- The suggested references for each course were updated.
- The clock hours for Principles of Surgical Technique were changed from 1-hr lecture, 10-hr lab to become 2-hr lecture, 8-hr lab.
- Verbiage was added to the corequisite requirements for Surgical Microbiology, Basic and Related Surgical Procedures, Specialized Surgical Procedures, and Advanced Surgical Procedures allow for variance of the course sequencing among different programs.
- The course sequence format was modified.

Assessment

Students will be assessed using the Certifying Exam for Surgical Technologists given by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Best Practices

Teachers are expected to use a wide variety of teaching strategies throughout the curriculum to instruct competencies in various methods. Teachers should develop strategies that reflect academic achievement, problem solving, and industry needs for daily use in the classroom.

Professional Learning

It is suggested that instructors participate in professional learning related to the following concepts:

- Continuing education and instruction in endoscopic and robotic procedures
• How to use the program Blackboard site (or related learning management system)
• Differentiated instruction – To learn more about differentiated instruction, please go to http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/additional_subjects.html, and click on Differentiated Instruction. Work through this online course, and review the additional resources.

Articulation
Articulation credit from Secondary Allied Health to Postsecondary Surgical Technology will be awarded beginning with the fall semester of 2010. Both years of the Secondary Allied Health program are required to be articulated to the Postsecondary Surgical Technology program.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Secondary Courses to be Articulated</th>
<th>Postsecondary Courses Articulated</th>
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<tr>
<td>Both years of the Secondary Allied Health (CIP: 51.0000)</td>
<td>Medical Office Terminology I (BOT 1613)</td>
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Statewide Guidelines on Articulated Credit

Eligibility
• To be eligible for articulated credit, a student must do the following:
  o Complete the articulated Secondary Vocational Program.
  o Score 80% or higher on the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System (MS CPAS) in his or her secondary program of study.
• To be awarded articulated credit, a student must do the following:
  o Complete application for articulated credit at the community or junior college.
  o Enroll in the community or junior college within 18 months of graduation.
  o Successfully complete 12 non-developmental career/technical or academic credit hours in the corresponding articulated postsecondary career-technical program of study.

How MS CPAS will be documented
• The Research and Curriculum Unit of Mississippi State University will provide the SBCJC a list of all secondary CTE students scoring at or above the 80 percentile for the articulated programs.
• The SBCJC will forward the list of students eligible for articulated credit to the colleges.

Transcripting of Articulated Credit
• Students must complete 12 non-developmental career/technical or academic credit hours in the articulated postsecondary career-technical program of study before the articulated credit is transcripted.
• No grade will be given on the transcript for articulated courses; only hours granted will be transcripted (thus resulting in no change in quality points).

Time Limit
• MS CPAS scores will be accepted to demonstrate competencies for up to 18 months after high school graduation.
Cost
• No costs will be assessed on hours earned through articulated credit.
As the world economy continues to evolve, businesses and industries must adopt new practices and processes in order to survive. Quality and cost control, work teams and participatory management, and an infusion of technology are transforming the way people work and do business. Employees are now expected to read, write, and communicate effectively; think creatively, solve problems, and make decisions; and interact with each other and the technologies in the workplace. Career–technical programs must also adopt these practices in order to provide graduates who can enter and advance in the changing work world.

The curriculum framework in this document reflects these changes in the workplace and a number of other factors that impact local career–technical programs. Federal and state legislation calls for articulation between high school and community college programs, integration of academic and career skills, and the development of sequential courses of study that provide students with the optimum educational path for achieving successful employment. National skills standards, developed by industry groups and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and Labor, provide career and technical educators with the expectations of employers across the United States. All of these factors are reflected in the framework found in this document.

Referenced throughout the courses of the curriculum are the 21st Century Skills, which were developed by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, a group of business and education organizations concerned about the gap between the knowledge and skills learned in school and those needed in communities and the workplace. A portion of the 21st Century Skills addresses learning skills needed in the 21st century, including information and communication skills, thinking and problem-solving skills, and interpersonal and self-directional skills. Another important aspect of learning and working in the 21st century involves technology skills. The International Society for Technology in Education, developer of the National Educational Technology Standards (NETS), was a strategic partner in the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. Each postsecondary program of instruction consists of a program description and a suggested sequence of courses that focus on the development of occupational competencies. The MS-CPAS2 blueprints are based upon the suggested course sequences to allow for year 1 and year 2 assessments for all exit options. Please refer to the blueprint online. Each career–technical course in this sequence has been written using a common format, which includes the following components:

- **Course Name** – A common name that will be used by all community and junior colleges in reporting students
- **Course Abbreviation** – A common abbreviation that will be used by all community and junior colleges in reporting students
- **Classification** – Courses may be classified as the following:
  - Career–technical core – A required career–technical course for all students
  - Area of concentration (AOC) core – A course required in an area of concentration of a cluster of programs
  - Career–technical elective – An elective career–technical course
  - Related academic course – An academic course that provides academic skills and knowledge directly related to the program area
- Academic core – An academic course that is required as part of the requirements for an associate’s degree

- Description – A short narrative that includes the major purpose(s) of the course and the recommended number of hours of lecture and laboratory activities to be conducted each week during a regular semester

- Prerequisites – A listing of any courses that must be taken prior to or on enrollment in the course

- Corequisites – A listing of courses that may be taken while enrolled in the course

- Competencies and Suggested Objectives – A listing of the competencies (major concepts and performances) and the suggested student objectives that will enable students to demonstrate mastery of these competencies

The following guidelines were used in developing the program(s) in this document and should be considered in compiling and revising course syllabi and daily lesson plans at the local level:

- The content of the courses in this document reflects approximately 75% of the time allocated to each course. The remaining 25% of each course should be developed at the local district level and may reflect the following:
  - Additional competencies and objectives within the course related to topics not found in the state framework, including activities related to specific needs of industries in the community college district
  - Activities that develop a higher level of mastery on the existing competencies and suggested objectives
  - Activities and instruction related to new technologies and concepts that were not prevalent at the time the current framework was developed or revised
  - Activities that include integration of academic and career–technical skills and course work, school-to-work transition activities, and articulation of secondary and postsecondary career–technical programs
  - Individualized learning activities, including work-site learning activities, to better prepare individuals in the courses for their chosen occupational areas

- Sequencing of the course within a program is left to the discretion of the local district. Naturally, foundation courses related to topics such as safety, tool and equipment usage, and other fundamental skills should be taught first. Other courses related to specific skill areas and related academics, however, may be sequenced to take advantage of seasonal and climatic conditions, resources located outside of the school, and other factors.

- Programs that offer an Associate of Applied Science degree must include a minimum 15-semester-credit-hour academic core. Specific courses to be taken within this core are to be determined by the local district. Minimum academic core courses are as follows:
  - 3 semester credit hours (sch) Math/Science Elective
  - 3 semester credit hours Humanities/Fine Arts Elective
  - 3 semester credit hours Social/Behavioral Science Elective
It is recommended that courses in the academic core be spaced out over the entire length of the program, so that students complete some academic and career–technical courses each semester. Each community or junior college has the discretion to select the actual courses that are required to meet this academic core requirement.

- Career–technical elective courses have been included to allow community colleges and students to customize programs to meet the needs of industries and employers in their area.

In order to provide flexibility within the districts, individual courses within a framework may be customized by doing the following:

- Adding new competencies and suggested objectives
- Revising or extending the suggested objectives for individual competencies
- Adjusting the semester credit hours of a course to be up 1 hour or down 1 hour (after informing the Mississippi Community College Board [MCCB] of the change)

In addition, the curriculum framework as a whole may be customized by doing the following:

- Resequencing courses within the suggested course sequence reflecting the new assessment format
- Developing and adding a new course that meets specific needs of industries and other clients in the community or junior college district (with MCCB approval)
- Utilizing the career technical elective options in many of the curricula to customize programs
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Program Description

Surgical Technology is an instructional program that prepares an individual to serve as a member of the surgical team to work with surgeons, anesthesiologists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, registered nurses, and other surgical personnel in delivering patient care and assuming appropriate responsibilities before, during, and after surgery. This program includes the education of all aspects of surgical technology including the role of second assistant and circulator.

Graduates of the 12-month program will be awarded the Certificate of Surgical Technology. The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology will be awarded to the successful graduate of the 24-month program. Qualified graduates will be required to apply to the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (formerly the LCC-ST) to become a Certified Surgical Technologist.

Industry standards are based on the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology.
Suggested Course Sequences
Surgical Technology

Technical Certificate Option

A Technical Certificate will be awarded upon completion of all the following technical courses in the Surgical Technology program.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Course Code</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Semester Credits</th>
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<tr>
<td>SUT 1113</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Surgical Technology</td>
<td>3 sch</td>
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<tr>
<td>SUT 1216</td>
<td>Principles of Surgical Technique</td>
<td>6 sch</td>
</tr>
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<td>SUT 1314</td>
<td>Surgical Anatomy</td>
<td>4 sch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUT 1413</td>
<td>Surgical Microbiology</td>
<td>3 sch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUT 1518</td>
<td>Basic and Related Surgical Procedures</td>
<td>8 sch</td>
</tr>
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<td>SUT 1528</td>
<td>Specialized Surgical Procedures</td>
<td>8 sch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUT 1538</td>
<td>Advanced Surgical Procedures</td>
<td>8 sch</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Written Communication Elective</td>
<td>3 sch</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Total Semester Credit Hours for a Technical Certificate</td>
<td>43 sch</td>
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</table>
Associate of Applied Science Degree Option

To receive the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in surgical technology, a student must complete all of the required career-certificate and technical-certificate courses AND a minimum of 15 semester hours of general education core courses. The courses in the general education core may be spaced out over the entire length of the program so that students complete some academic and career technical courses each semester. Each community college specifies the actual courses that are required to meet the general education core requirements for the Associate of Applied Science degree at the college. The following 2012 SACS standard applies.

Section 2.7.3 For degree completion in associate programs, the component constitutes a minimum of 15 semester hours or the equivalent. These credit hours are to be drawn from and include at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural science/mathematics.

A student must complete the following minimum credit requirements for the AAS degree option:

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<th>Technical Certificate</th>
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<td>Anatomy and Physiology I and II</td>
<td>8 credits</td>
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<td>Additional courses to meet the General Education Requirement for AAS</td>
<td>9 credits minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Semester Credit Hours for the Associate of Applied Science Degree</td>
<td>60-61 credits minimum</td>
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Approved career–technical elective courses have been included to allow community colleges and students to customize programs to meet the needs of industries and employers in their area. In order to provide flexibility within the districts, individual courses within a framework may be customized by doing the following:

- Adding new competencies and suggested objectives to complement the existing competencies and suggested objectives in the program framework
- Revising or extending the suggested objectives for individual competencies
- Adjusting the semester credit hours of a course to be up 1 hr or down 1 hr (after informing the Mississippi Community College Board [MCCB] of the change)

In addition, the curriculum framework as a whole may be customized by doing the following:

- Sequencing courses within the suggested course sequence to reflect the new assessment format
- Developing and adding a new course that meets specific needs of industries and other clients in the community or junior college district (with MCCB approval)
- Adding courses listed in the “Approved Career and Technical Electives List” as local certificate- and degree-completion requirements to meet specific needs of industries and other clients in the community (The “Approved Career and Technical Electives” are currently approved in the Uniform Course Numbering Book; therefore, MCCB approval is not required.)
### APPROVED ELECTIVES FOR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

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<td>SUT 1703</td>
<td>Certification and Role Transition</td>
<td>3 sch: 3-hr lecture</td>
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<td>CHE 1213/1211</td>
<td>General Chemistry I with General Chemistry Laboratory I</td>
<td>3 sch and 1 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>BIO 1134</td>
<td>General Biology I</td>
<td>4 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIO 1144</td>
<td>General Biology II</td>
<td>4 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAT 1313</td>
<td>Algebra</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>EPY 2513</td>
<td>Child Psychology</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>Adolescent Psychology</td>
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<td>Human Growth and Development</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>FCS 1253</td>
<td>Nutrition</td>
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<td>HPR 1213</td>
<td>Personal and Community Health I</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>HPR 1223</td>
<td>Personal and Community Health II</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>SOC 2113</td>
<td>Introduction to Sociology</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>SOC 2143</td>
<td>Marriage and Family</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>CPT 1113</td>
<td>Concepts of Microcomputer Applications</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>CSC 1113</td>
<td>Computer Concepts</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>BAD 2533</td>
<td>Business Management and Microcomputers</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>PSY 1513</td>
<td>General Psychology</td>
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<td>BOT 1613</td>
<td>Medical Office Terminology I</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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<td>Medical Office Terminology II</td>
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<td>HPR 2213</td>
<td>First Aid/CPR</td>
<td>3 sch: See Appropriate Program Description</td>
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Other instructor-approved electives are listed in the MCCB-approved CTE or Academic Uniform Course Numbering document.
## Surgical Technology Courses

**Course Name:** Fundamentals of Surgical Technology

**Course Abbreviation:** SUT 1113

**Classification:** Vocational–Technical Core

**Description:** This is a basic introductory course including hospital and surgical suite organization and environment, history, legal responsibilities, terminology, interpersonal relationships, and biomedical sciences. (3 sch: 3-hr lecture)

**Corequisites:** All first semester courses

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<th>Competencies and Suggested Objectives</th>
<th>SGT 2, SGT 5, SGT 6, SGT 8, SGT 9</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Interpret a job description for a surgical technologist.</td>
<td>SGT 2, SGT 5, SGT 6, SGT 8, SGT 9</td>
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<tr>
<td>a. Using the Internet, trace the history, development, education, certification, and role of the surgical technologist.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>b. Describe the physical characteristics and environmental standards of the surgery suite.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>c. Explain hospital and surgery organization.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>d. Identify principles of communication and interpersonal relationships as they relate to operating room personnel.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e. Interpret the ethical, moral, and legal responsibilities of the surgical technologist, including HIPAA.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<td>f. Analyze the procedures and legal concepts of obtaining surgical consent.</td>
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<th>2. Interpret various word parts of medical terms.</th>
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<td>a. Identify various medical terms relating to surgery including abbreviations and symbols.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b. Pronounce various medical terms relating to surgery including abbreviations and symbols.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c. Spell various medical terms relating to surgery including abbreviations and symbols.</td>
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<th>3. Discuss principles of environmental safety procedures.</th>
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<td>a. Apply knowledge in the OR to include electricity, fire, radiation, and laser principles.</td>
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<td>b. Explain the information included in Material Safety Data Sheets.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>c. Demonstrate proper body mechanics as applied to the surgical environment.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<th>4. Apply computer knowledge to the educational process and safe patient care practices in the operating room.</th>
<th>SGT 3, SGT 8, SGT 10</th>
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<td>a. Identify the basic components of a computer system.</td>
<td>DOK 1</td>
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<td>b. Perform basic word processing.</td>
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<td>c. Perform graphics importation.</td>
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| 5. Apply information effectively using written, verbal, and electronic formats. | SGT 3, SGT 8, SGT 10 |
a. Recognize when information is needed. (DOK 1)
b. Locate information using the latest technology available. (DOK 1)
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SUGGESTED REFERENCES

Books


Videos


Web Sites


Journals and Magazines

Course Name: Principles of Surgical Technique

Course Abbreviation: SUT 1216

Classification: Vocational–Technical Core

Description: This course is a comprehensive study of aseptic technique, safe patient care, anesthesia, pharmacology, and surgical techniques. (6 sch: 2-hr lecture, 8-hr lab)

Corequisites: All first semester courses

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<td>d. Review patient chart for completeness. (DOK 1)</td>
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<td>2. Identify the procedures for the identification of the surgical patient admitted to the surgical suite. SGT 4</td>
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<td>c. Demonstrate the process for identifying the correct surgical site and procedure. (DOK 1)</td>
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<td>3. Identify the procedures for transporting, positioning, prepping, and draping of the surgical patient. SGT 4, SGT 5, SGT 6</td>
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<td>b. Discuss the principles and concepts of aseptic technique. (DOK 1)</td>
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### a. Discuss the roles and duties of all surgical team members. **(DOK 1)**
### b. Demonstrate the functions of the surgical technologist in the following roles: **(DOK 1)**
1. Scrub surgical technologist
2. Second assisting surgical technologist
3. Circulating surgical technologist

10. Identify the drugs and anesthesia used in the care of the surgical patient. **SGT 1, SGT 4, SGT 5, SGT 6**
### a. Identify the principles and concepts for the use and administration of surgical drugs and anesthetic agents. **(DOK 1)**
### b. Convert temperature, lengths, weights, and capacities to the metric system. **(DOK 1)**
### c. Apply general terminology to medication use. **(DOK 1)**
### d. Calculate medical conversions and dosages. **(DOK 1)**
### e. Prepare and manage medications and solutions. **(DOK 2)**
### f. Analyze the immediate postoperative care of the surgical patient. **(DOK 1)**
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M9  Algebraic Operations
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A2  Number Theory (ratio, proportion)
A3  Data Interpretation (graph, table, chart, diagram)
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**Videos**


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Course Name: Surgical Anatomy

Course Abbreviation: SUT 1314

Classification: Vocational–Technical Core

Description: Emphasis is placed on the structure and function of the human body as related to surgery, as well as the application of the principles of surgical anatomy to participation in clinical experience. (4 sch: 4-hr lecture)

Corequisites: All first semester courses

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<td>a. Identify the basic organization structures of the body, including body planes, general organization, and terms of reference. (DOK 1)</td>
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<td>b. Analyze the relationship between cell pathology and disease. (DOK 2)</td>
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Books


**Computer Software**

*A.D.A.M. interactive anatomy 4* [Computer software]. (n.d.). Atlanta, GA: A.D.A.M.
Course Name: Surgical Microbiology

Course Abbreviation: SUT 1413

Classification: Vocational–Technical Core

Description: This is an introduction to pathogenic microorganisms related to surgery and their effect on wound healing and infection. It includes principles of sterilization and disinfection. (3 sch: 3-hr lecture)

Corequisites: All first semester courses or other courses determined by the local college and/or program director

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<td>a. Discuss the history of Microbiology.</td>
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<td>b. Identify the name and functions of various microscopes.</td>
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<td>c. Compare and contrast the structure and characteristics of different cells.</td>
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<td>a. Discuss the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Standard Precautions Guidelines and Recommendations as applied to the surgical suite.</td>
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<td>b. Distinguish between the various pathogenic organisms and their effect on the various body systems.</td>
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<td>d. Analyze the various immune responses that occur in the body as defenses against invasion by pathogens.</td>
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<td>a. Relate the infections process to surgical practice.</td>
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<td>b. Distinguish between the different microbial relationships.</td>
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<td>c. Identify portals of entry and portals of exit for infectious microbes.</td>
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<td>a. Describe the physical methods of antimicrobial control and an application of each.</td>
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b. Describe ways in which chemicals kill or inhibit bacterial growth. (DOK 1)

6. Identify the techniques of sterilization. SGT 1, SGT 2, SGT 5, SGT 6, SGT 10
   a. List methods and principles of sterilization and the advantages and disadvantages of each. (DOK 1)
   b. Discuss monitoring methods. (DOK 1)
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**Videos**

Course Name: Basic and Related Surgical Procedures

Course Abbreviation: SUT 1518

Classification: Vocational–Technical Core

Description: This course includes instruction in regional anatomy, pathology, instrumentation, surgical techniques, and safe patient care in general surgery, gynecology, obstetrics, and urology. It requires clinical experience in area hospital surgical suites and related departments. (8 sch: 4-hr lecture, 12-hr clinical)

Prerequisites: CPR-Health Care Provider and all first semester courses or other courses determined by the local college and/or program director

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<td>Correlate the relevant surgical anatomy and physiology to the surgical procedure. (DOK 1)</td>
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<td>Explain the diagnostic interventions that are utilized for obtaining a diagnosis. (DOK 1)</td>
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<td>Discuss the perioperative considerations for the planned surgical procedure. (DOK 2)</td>
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Books


**Course Name:** Specialized Surgical Procedures

**Course Abbreviation:** SUT 1528

**Classification:** Vocational–Technical Core

**Description:** This course includes instruction in regional anatomy, pathology, instrumentation, techniques, and safe patient care in surgical specialty areas of ear, nose, and throat; eye; oral and maxillofacial surgery; orthopedics; and plastics. This course requires clinical experience in area hospital surgical suite and related departments. (8 sch: 4-hr lecture, 12-hr clinical)

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**Journals and Magazines**

**Course Name:** Advanced Surgical Procedures

**Course Abbreviation:** SUT 1538

**Classification:** Vocational–Technical Core

**Description:** This course includes instruction in regional anatomy, pathology, instrumentation, techniques, and safe patient care in surgical specialty areas of neurosurgery, thoracic, peripheral vascular, cardiovascular surgery, employability skills, and all-hazards preparation. This course requires clinical experience in area hospital surgical suites and related departments and a comprehensive final examination. (8 sch: 4-hr lecture, 12-hr clinical)

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Course Name: Certification and Role Transition

Course Abbreviation: SUT 1703

Classification: Vocational–Technical Elective

Description: An in-depth study of the role of the surgical technologist and review for the certification examination. The course examines liability and legal issues of practice, adapting critical thinking skills to a variety of practice settings, effective team and professional behaviors, continuing education, and ethical issues. Practice on computer simulations is required. (3 sch: 3-hr lecture)

Prerequisite: None

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CAPITALIZED ITEMS

1. Bandaging simulator (1 per program)
2. Basin stand, ring stand (4 per program)
3. Board, roller/transfer (1 per program)
4. Devices, positioning (2 prone, 2 lateral, 2 sitting, 2 lithotomy, 2 supine per program)
5. Dilation and curettage set (1 per program)
6. GYN instrument tray (1 per program)
7. Minor surgical instrument set (2 per program)
8. Electrocautery unit (1 per program)
9. Laparotomy instrument set (1 per room)
10. Chest instrument set (1 per program)
11. Basic bone instrument set (1 per program)
12. Mannequin, teaching, adult (1 per room)
13. Mayo stand (4 per room)
14. Tonsil and adenoid set (1 per program)
15. Vaginal hysterectomy tray (1 per program)
16. Stretcher, patient, with brakes and side rails (1 per program)
17. Table, surgical with armboards (1 per room)
18. Table, instrument (2 per room)
19. Prep table/stand (2 per room)
20. I.V. poles (2 per room)
21. Standing platforms (2 per room)
22. Hand table (1 per program)
23. Instrument containers (1 per room)
24. Surgical lights (1 per room)
25. Autoclave (1 per program)
26. Computer, with CD-ROM and super VGA color monitor (1 per 3 students)
27. Printer, laser (1 per 2 computers)
28. Basic open reduction internal fixation set (1 per program)
29. Basic large fragment set (1 per program)
30. Refurbished or demonstration unit for laparoscopic procedures to include 1 scope, 1 camera, and 1 monitor (1 set per program)
31. Human skeleton with stand (1 per program)
32. SimMan 3G

NON-CAPITALIZED ITEMS

1. Manual sphygmomanometer, adult (1 per 2 students)
2. Digital sphygmomanometer (1 per program)
3. Sheets, full flat (4 per stretcher or table)
4. Pillows (2 per stretcher or table)
5. Stethoscope (1 per 2 students)
6. Kick bucket with coasters (2 per room)
7. Pneumatic tourniquet cuffs (1 double adult, 1 upper extremity adult, 1 lower extremity adult per program)
8. Thermometer, electronic digital (1 per program)
9. Straps, restraint (1 set per room)
10. Sitting stool (2 per program)
11. Ear model (1 per program)
12. Eye model (1 per program)
13. Heart model (1 per program)
14. Model, teaching, adult (Internal Organ) (1 per program)
15. Model, knee joint (1 per program)
16. Human lumbar spine (1 per program)
17. Laminated anatomy posters (1 set per program)
18. Laminated instrument posters (1 set per program)
19. Stethoscope, dual training (2 per program)
20. Glo-germ light kit (1 per program)

* The use of refurbished or demonstration equipment is recommended.

RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS

It is recommended that instructors have access to the following items:

1. DVD/VCR
2. LCD/Overhead projector
3. TV, color monitor, 25 in. (1 per program)
4. VCR with remote control (1 per program)
5. Cart, TV/VCR (1 per program)
6. Bookcase/display shelving (1 per program)
7. File cabinet, lockable (2 per teacher)
8. Computer table (1 per computer)
9. Computer chairs (1 per table)
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This program is assessed using the *Certifying Exam for Surgical Technologists given by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)*.
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Spelling
S1 Vowel (short, long)
S2 Consonant (variant spelling, silent letter)
S3 Structural Unit (root, suffix)

Appendix C: 21st Century Skills

CSS1-21st Century Themes

CS1 Global Awareness
1. Using 21st century skills to understand and address global issues
2. Learning from and working collaboratively with individuals representing diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work, and community contexts
3. Understanding other nations and cultures, including the use of non-English languages

CS2 Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy
1. Knowing how to make appropriate personal economic choices
2. Understanding the role of the economy in society
3. Using entrepreneurial skills to enhance workplace productivity and career options

CS3 Civic Literacy
1. Participating effectively in civic life through knowing how to stay informed and understanding governmental processes
2. Exercising the rights and obligations of citizenship at local, state, national and global levels
3. Understanding the local and global implications of civic decisions

CS4 Health Literacy
1. Obtaining, interpreting and understanding basic health information and services and using such information and services in ways that enhance health
2. Understanding preventive physical and mental health measures, including proper diet, nutrition, exercise, risk avoidance and stress reduction
3. Using available information to make appropriate health-related decisions
4. Establishing and monitoring personal and family health goals
5. Understanding national and international public health and safety issues

CS5 Environmental Literacy
1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the environment and the circumstances and conditions affecting it, particularly as relates to air, climate, land, food, energy, water and ecosystems
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of society’s impact on the natural world (e.g., population growth, population development, resource consumption rate, etc.)
3. Investigate and analyze environmental issues, and make accurate conclusions about effective solutions
4. Take individual and collective action towards addressing environmental challenges (e.g., participating in global actions, designing solutions that inspire action on environmental issues)

CSS2-Learning and Innovation Skills

CS6 Creativity and Innovation
1. Think Creatively
2. Work Creatively with Others

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3. Implement Innovations

**CS7 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**
1. Reason Effectively
2. Use Systems Thinking
3. Make Judgments and Decisions
4. Solve Problems

**CS8 Communication and Collaboration**
1. Communicate Clearly
2. Collaborate with Others

CSS3 - Information, Media and Technology Skills

**CS9 Information Literacy**
1. Access and Evaluate Information
2. Use and Manage Information

**CS10 Media Literacy**
1. Analyze Media
2. Create Media Products

**CS11 ICT Literacy**
1. Apply Technology Effectively

CSS4 - Life and Career Skills

**CS12 Flexibility and Adaptability**
1. Adapt to change
2. Be Flexible

**CS13 Initiative and Self-Direction**
1. Manage Goals and Time
2. Work Independently
3. Be Self-directed Learners

**CS14 Social and Cross-Cultural Skills**
1. Interact Effectively with others
2. Work Effectively in Diverse Teams

**CS15 Productivity and Accountability**
1. Manage Projects
2. Produce Results

**CS16 Leadership and Responsibility**
1. Guide and Lead Others
2. Be Responsible to Others