Surgical Technician Program

Application and Information Packet

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DEADLINE: First Friday in August for Fall Semester
Health Professions Program at Utah State University

Surgical Technician

The Surgical Technician Program is an Associate Degree program that can be completed in four semesters, after completing one semester of prerequisites. The prerequisites must be completed prior to the student applying for and being accepted into the Surgical Technician (ST) Program. Surgical Technologists, also called Surgical Technicians assist in operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses and other surgical personnel. Duties may include: helping to set up the operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies and instruments. Students receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology from Utah State University upon completion of academic coursework and clinical experience. Upon the successful completion of coursework, students will be eligible to sit for and pass the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) certification examination. If the student successfully passes this national board, they will obtain the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) certification. The USU Surgical Technician Program complies with the national requirements for Surgical Technicians. Students successfully completing the program will be well prepared for a career in Surgical Technology.

Surgical Technician Entrance Requirements

Utah State University has an open admission policy. Applicants will be admitted without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or veteran’s status. In addition, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for employees in all aspects of employment and for students in academic programs and activities is prohibited. High school graduation or GED is required to be accepted into the program. Acceptance into this program will be by the selection process.

General Admissions Procedures

To be officially admitted to the college as a full-time matriculated student, an applicant must submit the following:

1. A completed Application for Admission.
2. A $50 nonrefundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts of all previous high school and/or their GED and college work if the student is a transfer student.
4. Placement and evaluation exam. ACT (American College Test), or Accuplacer Exam for English & ALEKS Exam for Math.
Notification of acceptance and resident status will be sent from the Health Professions Department Chairperson. If a student’s application is incomplete at the time of registration, the student will not be admitted to the program. Students applying for financial aid, must be a high school graduate or GED recipient, and be matriculated before receiving aid.

A declaration of a major is accomplished through the Application for Admission. Students desiring to change their majors after acceptance are required to complete "A Change of Major" form at the Admissions and Records Office.

**Returning Students**
A student who has been away for more than 2 semesters, must submit a new application for admission along with a $20.00 reapplication admission fee. Those who have attended other colleges or universities in the interim will be asked to submit transcripts of all college credits.

**Enrollment Prior to High School Graduation**
An academically qualified high school student who wishes to enroll at USU Eastern or USU Blanding must fill out a Concurrent Enrollment-Early College form as well as a Student Acknowledgement & Parental Consent Agreement form. **Students may work concurrently on high school classes and the college courses required for acceptance into the ST Program, while still in high school.**

**Transfer Students**
A transfer student from another college or university must submit the following:

1. A completed Application for Admission.
2. A $50 one-time nonrefundable application fee.
3. Official transcripts of all previous college work. (Official transcripts must be sent directly from the previous school. Hand carried transcripts will not be accepted.)
4. ACT or Accuplacer test scores. If a transfer student has completed 20 hours and has taken an English course equivalent to our English 1010, they will not be required to take the above tests.
5. A transfer student cannot transfer credits with D or E (F) grades or credits from developmental or remedial courses. **Grades of C or better will be allowed for all classes required for the Program. Credits from remedial classes will not be accepted.**
6. The student must be in good standing and eligible to re-enroll at the college or university where they were most recently registered.
7. Transfer students will not be matriculated until official transcripts of all high school, previous college or university work are submitted to USU Eastern Blanding.

**Students with Disabilities**
If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires reasonable accommodation, that student should contact the Disability Resource Center for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, sensory, emotional, physical or medical impairments.

Students may contact the DRC to determine if they qualify for accommodations. Students at USU Blanding may contact Sarah Gosney (435-678-8161) in the Student Services hall or call directly to the USU DRC at 1-435-797-2444.

Please contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible.
Application Requirements Checklist (Checklist in PDF format to print and turn in with paperwork)

1. Complete the Surgical Technician Application and return it to:

   Staff Assistant for Health Professions/ Tara Dawn Olsen
   Bradford Lee Technology
   Utah State University Eastern Blanding Campus
   576 West 200 South
   Blanding, UT  84511

2. Students must have a minimum **GPA of 3.00 for admittance** into the program and **maintain a 3.00 GPA throughout the program**

3. **Advising** - Students interested in the Surgical Technician (ST) Program must complete a ST Program Application, be accepted and provide all required documents PRIOR to registering for ST classes.

4. **Registration Date and Time** - Please visit the USU Eastern or USU Blanding Website for registration information.

5. **The background check must be ordered and/or uploaded to your Compliance Tracker packet through CastleBranch. Please use this link:** [portal.castlebranch.com/ut61](http://portal.castlebranch.com/ut61)  A fee will be charged.

   - Background Check
   - Drug Screen

   **Students on Blanding campus ONLY must pay LaPriel Nakai (Cashier) $45.00 for the drug screen. She will give the student a receipt which they should bring to their instructor or Health Professions staff assistant. Drug screens will be completed on campus.**

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**Required Immunizations**
All immunizations below are required. All records must be complete and on file with Program Instructor PRIOR to beginning your program:

- **Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B) series**: The first injection of the series needs to be completed prior to Semester One or in the initial weeks of the semester. The second injection is given one month after the first injection. The third injection is completed six months after the first injection of the series.

- **MMR**: Documentation of two MMR immunizations, or a titer indicating immunity, needs to be completed prior to the end of Semester One. If you do not have childhood immunization records, it is recommended that you begin these
immunizations or obtain a titer before beginning the program. All students born after 1964, that received their MMR immunization, will require a booster.

**TB**: Documentation of a recent **two-step** TB test is required during the initial weeks of semester one. You can have this test up to 3 months before starting the program. TB tests are good for one year. If yours will expire prior to completion of the program, you will need to repeat it.

**Varicella**: At least one Chicken pox vaccination or titer indicating immunity.

**Tdap**: At least one pertussis immunization as an adult.

**Meningococcal**: One dose

**Influenza**: Seasonal as required by facility.

*Students will be required to turn in a packet to Staff Assistant with all of the above records. Students should keep a copy of all records for their own files.*

**Practicum Orientation**

Prior to initiating any clinical surgical externship experience, students are required to attend an orientation with the appropriate sites that they will be attending for their surgical experience.

**Clinical Experience**

**Surgical Technician Surgical Externship**: Our ST students will train in various surgical settings. After students demonstrate proficiency in surgical lab technique, students will be placed in Surgical Externship Rotations to get the best experience possible. These clinical rotations are an important part of the program. Students must commit to attending all surgical rotations that they are scheduled to participate in.
Program Requirements

Application packet deadline: Third Friday in November (spring)

The ST application must be submitted by the third Friday in November for spring semester. Students may be enrolled in pre-requisite classes with a minimum grade of 3.0 or higher.

†These classes are approved for concurrent high school enrollment.

PREREQUISITES

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** Students must have a 3.0 GPA to apply for and be selected to join the Surgical Technician Program.

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National Certification and Examination: After the successful completion of the required coursework and externship, students may sit for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting Certificate examination to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST). Successful graduates may schedule an examination appointment online at any time using this link: www.nbstsa.org/cst-firsttimeretake-applicants and following directions.
Health Professions: Surgical Technician Program

☐ Apply to Utah State University Blanding, Moab or Eastern
☐ Pre-requisite: ENGL 1010
☐ Pre-requisite: MATH 1050 or STAT 1045
☐ Pre-requisite: NURS 1008
☐ Pre-requisite: BIOL 2060
☐ Submit Completed Surgical Technician Program Application with a copy of high school/GED and any college transcripts.
☐ Submit Surgical Technician Student Contractual Agreement (found in the Handbook) to the instructor first day of class.
☐ Vaccination Records: Complete and up to date to instructor
☐ Complete Background Check and Drug Screen uploaded to CastleBranch
☐ Blanding campus students pay LaPriel Begay $45.00 for drug screen to be completed on campus by Health Professions program
☐ Student Orientation: Scheduled with my instructor

Application packet deadline: Third Friday in November (Spring semester)

After application approval, you are ready to register for semester one courses.

Please submit Application to:
Bradford Lee Technology Building - Utah State University Eastern Blanding Campus
TD Olsen, Administrative Assistant Health Professions Programs td.olsen@usu.edu
576 West 200 South
Blanding, Utah 84511

A copy of the above records and documentation needs to be maintained and updated as appropriate by the student and as requested by the instructor and/or staff assistant.
SURGICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

DEADLINE:  First Friday in August for Fall Semester

Application

Name (Print) _____________________________________________________________

Last    First    Middle

Names Previously used:____________________________________________________

Student USU A# __________________________________________________________

Phone: Day______________________ Evening______________ Cell ________________

Mailing Address___________________________________________________________

City________________________ State_______________ Zip______________________

Age ___________  High School Attended ______________________________________

Email address____________________________________________________________

(This email will be used to contact you about the ST Program)

I have provided true, complete and correct information on this application. I have
read and understand the information presented in this packet.

Signature_______________________________Date__________________________