SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The program in Surgical Technology prepares the graduate for employment as an integral part of a surgical team. Surgical technologists work closely with surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses, and other surgical staff in delivering patient care and assuming appropriate responsibilities before, during and after surgery. Surgical Technologists are employed in acute and ambulatory care facilities. Upon completion of the basic one-year program the student is granted a Technical Certificate; or a student may wish to pursue an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree. Near completion of the program, students sit for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam. Upon graduation from the program and successful completion of the exam, students will be a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE:
Classes are admitted in August. Class size is limited, and all applicants are not selected for participation. Applicants must have a High School or GED Diploma and meet special admission requirements for the program listed below.

Application Deadline: 2nd Friday in April. Students may, however, apply for admission through general registration or until available slots are filled.

All applicants shall have equal opportunity regardless of race, age, sex, creed, religion, or nationality. Applicants with special needs due to disability must make this fact known prior to admission so that necessary accommodations can be made. Because of the nature of the profession, it may not always be possible to accommodate students with severe disabilities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Completion of all general admission procedures of the College.
2. Completion of the Nursing and Allied Health Application for Admission form.
3. ACT Composite Score of 18 or COMPASS scores: Reading 83; Writing 74; Math 21; and or completion of 15 semester credit hours (excluding developmental education) of general education courses applicable to the program with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. College transcript documenting successful completion of Pre-Admission courses.
5. Possesses a cumulative 2.5 Grade Point Average or higher
6. Completion or test scores validated exemption of all required developmental studies courses in English, math, and reading are required for the AAS degree.

The student is responsible for submitting at the time of application documentation of all the above admission requirements to:

Southeast Arkansas College
Nursing & Allied Health Technologies Division
1900 Hazel Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603

NOTE: Students pursuing the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surgical Technology will be required to meet placement standards set by the College prior to enrolling in math and/or English Composition courses.

Any applicant who does not have a completed application packet in the Nursing & Allied Health Technologies Division at Southeast Arkansas College by 4:30 p.m. on the application deadline date may not be considered for admission.

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ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE
Should qualified applicants exceed the available slots in the program, admission into a particular class will be based on the date of completed application. Upon acceptance into the Surgical Technology program, the student must submit the following in order to begin classes and must be valid for the entire period of enrollment in the program:

1. Current American Heart Association (AHA) CPR Certification
2. Functional Ability Acknowledgment Form
3. P.P.D. Skin Test or Chest X-ray
4. Hepatitis B Series or Signature on Southeast Arkansas College Vaccination Waiver Claim Form

All students accepted must have a criminal background check. Students are responsible for any fees associated with the background check.

Students enrolled in Allied Health programs with a clinical component will be assessed a fee for malpractice insurance.

Upon completion of the Technical Certificate, students are required to take the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Exam. The fee for the exam is the students’ responsibility.

NOTE: Random drug screening may be utilized at any time during the course of the program at the students’ expense.
Surgical Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree and Technical Certificate

Pre-Admission Requirements

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*General Education courses required for the Technical Certificate and/or Associate of Applied Science Degree. Science courses must have been completed within the past five (5) years or receive special permission for acceptance.
+Courses may not be transferable. Check with transferring institution.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); 1361 Park Street; Clearwater, FL 33756, Phone: (727) 210-2350 Fax: (727) 210-2354- on the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting,(ARC/STSA); #6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite #110, Littleton, CO 80120, Phone: (303)694-9262. Fax: (303)741-3655.

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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY FIRST ASSISTANT ELECTIVES
(Course Descriptions)

SURG 2646 Surgical Technology First Assistant  6 Cr., (3 Lec. 12 SWE)

(Prerequisites: Completion of special admission requirements for Surgical Technology, a satisfactory interview with faculty, and current Certification as Surgical Technologist (CST), Certified Nurse - Operating Room (CNOR), or Physician Assistant (PA - C.).) The knowledge and technique necessary to assume responsibility as the Surgical First Assistant (SFA) is emphasized. The various roles of the SFA are explored, as well as the interdependent relationship with the surgeon. Expanded function and accountability are stressed as the SFA is prepared to assume responsibility in scrubbing, draping, retracting, exposing, clamping, ligating, suturing, handling specimens, and providing hemostasis. Intellectual and manual dexterity are combined to prepare the SFA with the essential skills necessary to this expanded role.

SURG 2662 Surgical First Assistant Clinical Preceptorship  2 Cr., (8 SWE)

(Prerequisites: SURG 2646 Surgical Technology First Assistant; two years of preoperative experience) Surgical First Assistant (SFA) Clinical Preceptorship exists for the purpose of offering clinical experience in the first assisting role. The SFA is capable of carrying out tasks delegated by the surgeon during the operative procedure. The CST entering the preceptorship will be a highly motivated individual and bring to the preceptorship personal and professional experience of high quality. Flexibility and respect for individual student goals are incorporated into the preceptorship. Each student will have an active part in determining his/her own objectives and identifying learning resources.
Southeast Arkansas College
Surgical First Assistant

The Surgical First Assistant (SFA) provides supportive assistance to the primary surgeon during operative procedures. The various roles of the SFA are explored and the interdependent relationship with the surgeon. Expanded function and accountability are stressed as the SFA works under the direct and immediate supervision of the responsible surgeon and carries out tasks as delegated by the surgeon. Responsibilities of the SFA include aiding in exposure, hemostasis, and other technical functions that will help the surgeon carry out a safe procedure with optimal results for the patient.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of all general admission procedures of the college. Refer to the Southeast Arkansas College Catalog and Student Handbook.
2. Completion of special Nursing and Allied Health Application for Admission form.
3. Current certification as a Surgical Technologist (CST), Certified Nurse-Operating Room (CNOR) or Physician Assistant (PA-C).
4. Two (2) years operating room experience within the last 5 years.
5. Submission of three (3) Reference letters (Two Professional and One Personal).
6. College transcript documenting successful completion of Anatomy and Physiology I and II, and Microbiology.

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SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE
NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH APPLICATION
Surgical Technology

NAME____________________________________________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH_________________________ Sex: Male/Female (Circle One)

ADDRESS_______________________________________CITY/STATE_____________________________

SOCIAL SECURITY_______________________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER________________________________________________________________________

PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSE NUMBER (If applicable) __________________________________________

Have you ever had any encumbrances against your nursing license in Arkansas or any other state?   Yes_____No_____ If yes, please explain
_____________________________________________________________________________________

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PERSONS TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:
Name, Address, City/State, Phone No._________________________________________________________________

________________________________________

DO YOU HAVE HOSPITALIZATION OR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE? Yes_______No_______
**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME? Yes_______No_______ IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN
_____________________________________________________________________________________

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PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)
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PERSONAL REFERENCES (No relatives)
1.
Name Complete Address Phone Number

2.
Name Complete Address Phone Number

EDUCATION: HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED______________________________

DATE OF GRADUATION/GED __________________________________________________________________

NAME & ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED___________________________________________________

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DESCRIBE ANY EXPERIENCE IN NURSING OR ANY OTHER FIELD RELATED TO MEDICINE:
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ARE YOU WILLING TO GO TO ANY AGENCY IN OUR SERVICE AREA FOR YOUR CLINICAL TRAINING?
YES_____NO_____ If no, REASONS: __________________________________________________________

PLANS AFTER GRADUATION:
_____________________________________________________________________________________

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any Missrepresentation or falsifications of information is caused for denial of admission or suspension from the program. I authorize the college to release information provided by me in the application for admission to the NAH program, to approval/accrediting agencies and clinical affiliates, as required. This authorization includes the release of my transcript.

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DATE SIGNATURE

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**Please be advised that many healthcare facilities utilized for student clinical experiences require students to have mandatory background checks conducted and certain convictions may result in the student not being able to attend clinical at specific agencies. Applicants to the Surgical Technology program will be required to submit criminal background information.**