

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SESSION

TRINITY RIVER EAST CAMPUS

**TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**



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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY A.A.S

A.A.S. in Surgical Technology

Introduction

The Tarrant County College Surgical Technology Program teaches students how to prepare for surgical procedures and to assist in the operating room.

Career Opportunities

The employment of Certified Surgical Technologists is expected to grow faster than average. Federal projections estimate a 30% increase in demand by 2022.

Surgical Tech's work in hospitals, outpatient centers, or for surgeons and spend most of their time on their feet in a fast paced patient care environment.

Program Content

Studies combine general education and on-campus surgical technology courses with actual clinical experience at clinical sites across the metroplex.

In addition, studies cover areas such as:

- Pharmacology for the Health Professions
- Pathophysiology
- Surgical Procedures
- Essentials of Medical Terminology
- Professional Readiness
- Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts and Techniques

This Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).

After completing the degree, the student is eligible to take the exam to become a Certified Surgical Technologist through the Association of Surgical Technologists and National Board of Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants.

Salaries

The median annual wage for surgical technologists was \$41,790 in May 2013.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM? www.tccd.edu/surgtech

APPLICATION PERIOD

June 1st through November 1st

For Spring Admission

Online Application (Print and Fill Out)

**You can bring the application to an advisor for
review**

OR

Mail it in:

Attention: Surgical Technology

245 E. Belknap Street

Fort Worth, Texas 76102

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFO

How many seats per application period?

The TCCD Surgical Technology program currently accepts UP TO 30 students per year. Those selected will begin classes in the following Spring semester. On average, the program has about 100 to 120 students apply in a single application period.

Program Cost

\$5,200 dollars - approximate

This includes uniforms, books, tuition and other miscellaneous costs.

Salary Information

The starting base pay in the DFW metroplex for new graduates was between \$21-\$25/hour

ADMISSION RANKING

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE (*NOT THE ADVISOR*) CALCULATES AN ADMISSIONS RANKING FOR EACH STUDENT WHO COMPLETES AN APPLICATION. THE RANKING IS MADE UP OF YOUR GPA, YOUR HESI A2 SCORE, AND YOUR SCIENCE GPA.

Grade Point Average

The last 5 years of your undergraduate transcripts from regionally accredited colleges will be used to calculate a cumulative grade point average. Developmental classes do not count towards this calculation. If a student does not have at least 12 credit hours of college, high school transcripts will be used to calculate the GPA. If a student has taken a course more than once, the course with the highest grade will be used to calculate the GPA; thus a student may retake a course to increase their application ranking.

HESI A2 Exam

The minimum score for your HESI A2 is a 70 for the each section.

Sciences

Your sciences include: Anatomy and Physiology 1, Anatomy and Physiology 2, and Microbiology for non-science majors; BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and BIOL 2420. These three science grades will make up 1/3 of your score.

SELECTION NOTIFICATION: CANDIDATES AND SELECTION INTO PROGRAM

When Will I Be Notified?

3 to 4 Weeks after the application deadline, the top 50 candidates are invited to a mandatory information meeting.

Selection Into Program

Acceptance Notification of selected 30 applicants are sent within 10 days after the information meeting

Alternates

The remaining applicants within the Top 50 (that attended the information session) are designated as alternates

It is important to remember that selection is based on how each applicant compares with others in the applicant pool for this program.

Applicants with higher GPA's, hesi scores and science grades tend to be the most competitive.

The selection committee notifies all candidates by mail of their admission status (accepted, alternate, not accepted or incomplete). It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the correct mailing address has been provided.

ELIGIBILITY

Must have a TCCD ID Number

- To be eligible to apply for the Surgical Technology program, the student must first be a current TCCD student. This means that the student has a TCCD student ID number and has already applied and been accepted to the college.
- Individuals that have not applied to the college may follow this link: [Apply For Admission](#) to begin the process.

Transcript Evaluation

- ALL official transcripts from a college or university other than TCCD, must be received and evaluated by TCCD at the time of Application to the Surgical Technology AAS program.
- First, submit your transcripts to the Transcript Office or your local Registrars office.
- This process can take up to two months, please keep this in mind.

TSI Requirements

- Meet TCCD's Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. For additional information on TSI requirements, Please visit: [TSI Requirements](#)



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TCC's Surgical Technology Program earns CAAHEP
reaccreditation - TCC News

ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

Prerequisite Science Courses

- If sciences were taken more than 5 years ago, students will be required to take the anatomy and physiology portion of the HESI A2 exam.
 - BIOL 2401
 - BIOL 2402
 - BIOL 2420
- Please note that you must have a C or higher for these grades to be considered.
- Please ALSO note that SCIT COURSES are not accepted replacements for the BIOL courses. We will not allow any exceptions.

Immunizations/Screenings

- Please be aware that the TAC (Texas Administrative Code) and DFW Hospital Council Standards require that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. These MUST be submitted with your application and completed prior to the beginning of the program, if accepted. They are currently as follows:
 - ✓ HEPATITIS A&B
 - ✓ MMR
 - ✓ TDAP
 - ✓ Varicella
 - ✓ Influenza (during Fall Semester)
 - ✓ TB Skin Test

***Some of these immunizations take up to 6 months to complete (Hep A & B), it is best to get started NOW, or you can't start the program.**

Other Requirements

- Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete a drug screen, keep CPR current (American Heart Association certified BLS for Healthcare Providers), and a criminal background check. If you have any criminal charges, you need to email me to discuss what you must do in order to find out whether or not you can apply for the program. Felony's, Assault, Domestic Violence and Drug Charges automatically bar you from eligibility.
- You will also need to renew your TB annually and Flu seasonally.
- If there is something you feel might prevent you from being accepted into the program, it is your responsibility to contact the testing entity and the background check company prior to being accepted into the program. Should you learn that you will not pass the background check and/or the requirements for the national registry, you should not apply to any program within the health sciences."

“NEW” BONUS POINTS HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

- .1 will be given to those registered with TCCD as a military Veteran
- .1 will be given to those who were enrolled as dual-credit high school students
- .1 will be given to those who are returning to our programs after completing an advanced degree (associate's or higher). Transcripts must state successful completion with GPA of 2.5 or higher, which is the minimum GPA for applying to the programs we currently offer.

REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED COURSES

ALL SRGT AND OTHER COURSES (REQUIRED FOR DEGREE) MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF C

- The below **bold** courses, or approved equivalents, must have been completed within 5 years from the time of deadline. If a student's sciences are older than 5 years, they will be required to take the anatomy and physiology portion of the HESI A2 exam.

- **BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology I)**
- **BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology II)**
- **BIOL 2420 (Microbiology)**
- **HPRS 1206 (Essentials of Medical Terminology)**

- Please note that only the 3 sciences listed above and TCC's TSI requirements must be completed prior to application. **It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the student have all prerequisites (including general education courses) completed prior to enrollment in Surgical Technology courses.** This is due to the strenuous nature of the program as well as the fact that these general education courses must be completed prior to graduation.

- **SPCH 1311 (Introduction to Speech Communication)**
- **PSYC 2314 (Life Span Growth and Development)**
- **ENGL 1301 (Composition 1)**
- **PSYC 2301 (General Psychology)**
- **HPRS 2201 (Pathophysiology)**

NEW PROGRAM CHANGES

ALL APPLICANTS MUST NOW HAVE A MINIMUM 2.5 GPA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Not only will there be a minimum GPA of 2.5; you will also be required to take the HESI A2 test prior to application.

What does the HESI A2 test cover:

Math: Basic math skills; a 50 item exam that focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ration and proportion, household measures, and general math facts that are useful. Personal calculators are not permitted during this part of the test although there is a basic function calculator available within the test.

Reading Comprehension: A 47 item exam that includes reading scenarios that are health related. Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.

Vocabulary & General Knowledge: A 50 item exam that contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking settings and in health care fields.

Grammar: A 50 item exam that contains basic grammar including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, and commonly occurring grammatical errors.

Anatomy and Physiology: This section is required for students that have sciences that are older than 5 years.

Other Information

Please check the following link for more HESI A2 Information (registration, cost, test dates):

<https://www.tccd.edu/admission/testing-centers/hesi-a2/>

Results of test will be available immediately after completion ... the test is 4.5 hours long, most people finish in 2 hours.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

Course & Clinical Hours

Program courses and labs meet weekdays between 9am and 3pm; however, clinical rotations will be required 2-4 days per week and will begin at 6:00 am. Students can expect to need 2 to 3 hours of study time per evening.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for five semesters (18 months for A.A.S.) consecutively. Part-time or distance learning options are not available at this time.

Students will receive an AAS in Surgical Technology upon completion.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Prerequisite Courses:

BIOL 2401: Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 2402: Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 2420: Microbiology for Non-sciences Majors
HPRS 1206: Medical Terminology

Coursework in the First Spring Semester

SRGT 1366 Practicum

SPCH 1311 Intro to Speech Communication

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth and Development

Coursework in the 10-week Summer Semester

SRGT 1405 Intro to Surgical Technology

SRGT 1266 Practicum

SRGT 1409 Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts

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Coursework in the First Fall Semester

SRGT 1367 Practicum Surgical Technology

SRGT 1441 Surgical Procedures 1

SRFT 1442 Surgical Procedures 2

HPRS 2201 Pathophysiology

Coursework in the Second Spring Semester

SRGT 2270 Professional Readiness

SRGT 2466 Practicum Surgical/Operating Room Tech

HPRS 1202 Wellness and Health Promotion

ENGL 1301 Composition 1

FAQ

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