Surgical Technology

2013-14 Associate of Applied Science

Career Description
Surgical Technologists, also called Scrubs and Surgical or Operating room Technicians, assist in surgical operations under the supervision of Surgeons, Registered Nurses, or other surgical personnel. Surgical Technologists are members of operating room teams, which most commonly include Surgeons, Anesthesiologists, and Circulating Nurses. Before an operation, Surgical Technologists help prepare the operating room by setting up surgical instruments and equipment, sterile drapes, and sterile solutions. They assemble both sterile and non-sterile equipment, as well as check and adjust it to ensure that it is working properly. Technologists also get patients ready for surgery by washing, shaving, and disinfecting incision sites. They transport patients to the operating room, help position them on the operating table, and cover them with sterile surgical drapes. Technologists also observe patients’ vital signs, check charts, and help the surgical team put on sterile gowns and gloves.

Program Features
The Surgical Technology program prepares students to function in the operating room environment by combining classroom and simulated laboratory instruction with actual surgical clinical experiences. Successful completion of the program allows graduates to take the national certification examination to become a certified surgical technologist (CST).

Admission Requirements
In addition to the Wichita Area Technical College Admissions Policy, students must meet all requirements located on the Surgical Technology Admission Checklist.

Costs *
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<td>Tuition</td>
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<td>Fees</td>
<td>$1,881.00</td>
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<td>Lab Fees</td>
<td>$1,610.00</td>
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<td>$10,300.00</td>
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*Cost does not include online fees, books or tools

Start Dates
- August 2013
- October 2013
- January 2014
- March 2014
- June 2014

Accreditations/Affiliations
WATC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology of the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST):

Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA)
6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 100
Littleton, CO 80120
303.694.9262

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Success Rate
This chart contains the results of the one-year follow-up study conducted in 2011 of 2010-11 Wichita Area Technical College postsecondary program completers. WATC defines success as those graduates who have found placement in a job, the military or are enrolled in advanced study.

Graduates * Placement for all employed in the military or continuing their education

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<th>Surgical Technology</th>
<th>21*</th>
<th>100.0%</th>
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* Graduates Eligible and Contacted in follow-up study

Wages
BLS Data Source: Bureau of labor Statistics (2010); State of Kansas Mean wages.
WATC does not guarantee the below wages, but has matched training programs to job titles and mean wages in Kansas.

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<th>Surgical Technology</th>
<th>Annually</th>
<th>Hourly</th>
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