

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

A career in surgical technology is very fast-paced and challenging. You may be able to hold a beating heart in your hand. You may be part of a team in the OR that works on replacing a total hip or knee in the orthopedic rotation at your site. You will certainly hand many different instruments to the surgeon in the correct fashion and at the correct time. You will be the keeper of the sterile field. This is a very rewarding career in the health science field. It is not nursing; you do a very specific technical job and work under the RN and Surgeon.

The Surgical Technology program is a selective admission program. When you apply to the College, you will be accepted into Healthcare Support with a concentration in Surgical Technology while you complete the prerequisite requirements. The Surgical Technology program accepts a limited number of students each year and there is a separate application process.

The Surgical Technology program is applying for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP), in collaboration with the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). A site visit is scheduled.

Degrees & Certificates Offered (South Bend/Elkhart):

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Typical Career:

Surgical Technologist



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POINTS OF PRIDE

- ▶ Students are trained in a state-of-the-art surgical suite or laboratory with replication simulation of general and laparoscopic surgeries.
- ▶ Student clinical rotations are performed in are hospitals and surgery centers, i.e. Memorial Hospital, Elkhart General Hospital, Goshen Hospital, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend Clinic, Unity Surgical Hospital and Goshen Surgery Center.

Students learn and practice applying sterile technique,

- ▶ instrumentation, counting, organization, prioritization, anticipation as well as surgical knowledge.

Students will have the opportunity to learn surgical skills by working

- ▶ with the new cutting-edge technology in endoscopic suites with lasers and the da Vinci robots.

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