

*“Today, surgical technologists are working in one of the fastest growing professions in the country. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the surgical technology profession will grow faster than the average of all other occupations through the year 2020, and it is anticipated that the volume of surgery will increase exponentially due to the expanding senior population.”*

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# **Surgical Technology**

## **Associate Degree Program**



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## About the Program

The Surgical Technology Associates Degree Program is designed to prepare graduates to assist surgeons in the operating room. Pre-clinical classes will be taught in a newly constructed operating suite specifically designed for this program. Students will be taught by experienced Surgical Technology instructors who currently teach at Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and who will be joining the HCC faculty.

This clinical program is based on the guidelines provided by the Association of Surgical Technologists and the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Board of Regents.

Once accepted into the program, students will begin with a semester of pre-requisite courses in the fall, followed by specialized surgical technology courses in the spring semester of the first year. Students will continue their training by observing and assisting in surgeries from the end of the first year until the end of the program. A minimum of C+ is required in all courses in the Surgical Technology degree.

Once students successfully complete the two year program, they will be eligible to take the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) examination. A passing score on this exam will enable the student status as a Certified Surgical Technologist, employable in all 50 states.



## About Surgical Technology

Surgical Technologists are integral members of the surgical team who work closely with surgeons, registered nurses, and anesthesia personnel. Surgical technologists are also responsible for assembling and organizing all the specialized instruments, equipment and tools needed for a wide variety of surgical procedures. They are experts in sterile technique, responsible for maintaining the sterile field during surgery.

## Job Opportunities

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that employment of Surgical Technologists is nationally projected to grow 15% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than average.

The final class of Surgical Technologists graduated from Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing in May, 2016. No new graduates will be available until HCC graduates its first class in May 2019. There is already a growing need for Surgical Technologists in area hospitals and surgical clinics.

## For more information:

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## Degree Program

### FALL FIRST YEAR

ENG*E101	Composition	3
MAT* E104 & up	Quantitative Reasoning Elective <sup>1,3</sup>	3
MED*E125	Medical Terminology	3
CSA*E105	Intro to Computer Applications	3
*BIO*E119	Human Bio for Allied Health	4

### SPRING FIRST YEAR

ENG*E102	Lit. & Comp.	3
or ENG*E202	Technical Writing	
ELECTIVE <sup>2</sup>	Social Phenomena & Understanding II <sup>2</sup>	3
SUR *E109	Microbiology for ST	2
SUR*E110	OR Techniques	4
SUR*E111	OR Skills Seminar	4

### FALL SECOND YEAR

PSY*E111	Gen. Psychology	3
SUR*E211	Clinical Surgical Experience I	6
SUR*E213	Surgical Procedures I	3
SUR*E215	Surgical Tech. Pharmacology	3

### SPRING SECOND YEAR

ELECTIVE	Aesthetic Dimensions of Humankind	3
SUR*E212	Clinical Surgical Experience II	6
SUR*E214	Surg. Procedures II	3
SUR*E250	Adv. Sem. in ST	3

**Total Credits 62**

<sup>1</sup> Suggest Math 104 (Quantitative Reasoning) or Math 137 (Intermediate Algebra) <sup>2</sup> Suggest a Foreign Language <sup>3</sup>A&P I & II can be substituted for BIO109

*The transfer of sponsorship of the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Surgical Technology Program to Housatonic Community College is underway. The continuation of accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP) is pending.*

## Additional information:

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP) is pending.

## Bureau of Labor Statistics:

<http://bit.ly/2m5WDee>

## Association of Surgical Technologists:

<http://www.ast.org>