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# Surgical Technology

The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the care of the surgical patient in the operating room and to function as a member of the surgical team.

Students will apply theoretical knowledge to the care of patients undergoing surgery and develop skills necessary to prepare supplies, equipment, and instruments; maintain aseptic conditions; prepare patients for surgery; and assist surgeons during operations.

Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units/facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units.

Students of programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) are required to take the national certification exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) within a four-week period prior to or after graduation.

## Specific Admission Requirements

This program has a selective admission process. For application and admission requirements, contact [advising@abtech.edu](mailto:advising@abtech.edu) and view the information on our website at <https://www.abtech.edu/admissions/selective-and-limited-programs>.

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by:

### Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

9355 - 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775

Phone: (727) 210-2350, Fax: (727) 210-2354, [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)

Upon the recommendation of:

### Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA)

19751 E. Main Street, Suite 339, Parker, Colorado, 80138

Phone: (303) 694-9262, [www.arcstsa.org](http://www.arcstsa.org)

## Career Opportunities in Surgical Technology

A.A.S. Degree National Salary Range: \$56,000 - \$78,500  
Local Salary Range: \$55,960 - \$78,560

Hospitals, Surgery Centers, Physicians' Offices, Organ Harvest Organizations

Salaries may vary based on size of business and other factors.

The student is required to sit for the national certification exam to graduate from the program.

## Total Cost Estimate

**Tuition per Semester (NC Resident)** \$1,216.00 (16+ credit hours)  
\$76.00/credit hour (1-15 hours)

**Computer Use and Technology Fee** \$48/semester

**Activity Fee** Fall and Spring semesters only,  
Main campus and Online, \$35.00

**CAPS Fee (Campus Access, Parking and Security)** \$20/semester

**Matriculation Fee** \$10/semester

**Student Insurance** \$2/Semester

**Additional Fees including books may incur, please check A-B Tech website for more detail: <https://abtech.edu/program/surgical-technology-aas-associate-applied-science-cost-estimate>**

**Have you applied for Financial aid? Please visit A-B Tech website for instructions: <https://abtech.edu/future-students/financial-aid/applying-aid>**

*Courses requiring a grade of "C" or better: ACA, BIO, SUR*

	Course Prefix	Course Name	Credit Hours
<b>Preadmission Requirements</b>			
	BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
1st Semester (Fall)	ACA 115	Success & Study Skills	1
	BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	SUR 110	Intro to Surg Tech	3
	SUR 111	Periop Patient Care	7
2nd Semester (Spring)	BIO 175	General Microbiology	3
	SUR 122	Surgical Procedures I	6
	SUR 123	Sur Clinical Practice I	7
3rd Semester (Summer)	SUR 134	Surgical Procedures II	5
	SUR 135	Sur Clinical Practice II	4
4th Semester (Fall)	COM 120	Intro to Interpersonal Communication	3
	PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	SUR 211	Adv Theoretical Concepts	2
	SUR 212	SUR Clinical Supplement	4
5th Semester (Spring)	HUM 115	Critical Thinking (or PHI 240)	3
	SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3
	SUR 210	Adv SUR Clinical Practice	2
	SUR 137	Prof Success Prep	1
<b>Program Totals:</b>			<b>68</b>

Students who received a certificate or diploma in surgical technology from another institution that are bridging in are required to transfer in all Surgical Technology courses from that institution and to have completed all general education courses that are part of the overall curriculum. Twenty-five percent of all coursework (17 credit hours) towards the AAS must be completed at A-B Tech. Please refer to college catalog for additional bridge course requirements.

## For More Information:

Contact Rachel Vickers by email at [rachelvickers@abtech.edu](mailto:rachelvickers@abtech.edu)