

A.S. Health Sciences

Students working to complete pre-requisites to apply to the AAS in Surgical Technology should declare the AS in Health Sciences program.

Must submit application to Surgical Technology program at least one semester in advance of desired start

Admission in the A.A.S. Surgical Technology Program is a selective application process and is not guaranteed.

A.S. Health Science—Semester One

<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
BIOL 1000 Medical Terminology	3			NONE
SURG 1304 Basic Anatomy & Physiology	3			NONE (successful completion of BIOL 2010 AND 2020 will replace this requirement)
General Education Math or Science (MATH 1010 Math for Liberal Arts recommended)	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
General Education Humanities – (PHIL 1040 Introduction to Ethics recommended)	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
ENGL 1010 English Composition I	3			English: Level 2 placement or concurrent enrollment in ENGL 1010 and ENGL 0815, Reading: Level 2 placement or concurrent enrollment in READ 0815.
NSCC 1010 First Year Experience	1			NONE
Total Credit Hours	16			

A.S. Health Science—Semester Two: APPLY TO PROGRAM NOW

<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
SURG 2299 Special Topics in Surgical Technology**	2			BIOL 1000 Medical Terminology and SURG 1304 Basic Anatomy
SURG 1410 Surgical Technology and Patient Care I**	4			BIOL 1000 Medical Terminology and SURG 1304 Basic Anatomy
SURG 1305 Surgical Pharmacology	3			Level 2 placement in mathematics
SURG 2310 Microbiology and Asepsis	3			NONE
General Education Elective (COMM 2025 Fundamentals of Communication recommended)	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
Total Credit Hours	15			

A.A.S. Surgical Technology Core—Semester Three

<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
SURG 1102 Orientation to Surgical Technology	1			Acceptance into the Surgical Technology program
General Education Social Science –(PSYC 1030 Introduction to Psychology recommended)	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
SURG 2420 Surgical Patient Care II	4			Acceptance into the Surgical Technology program
SURG 2399 Special Topics in Surgical Technology	3			Acceptance into the Surgical Technology program
SURG 2103 Clinical Practicum I	1			Acceptance into the Surgical Technology program
General Education Elective	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
Total Credit Hours	15			

A.A.S. Surgical Technology Core—Semester Four

<i>Course No. and Title</i>	<i>Cr</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Prerequisite</i>
General Education Elective	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
SURG 2199 Special Topics in Surgical Technology	1			Good standing in the Surgical Technology program
SURG 2201 Clinical Practicum II	2			Good standing in the Surgical Technology program
SURG 2321 Surgical Procedures I	3			Good standing in the Surgical Technology program.
SURG 2330 Surgical Procedures II	3			Good standing in the Surgical Technology program
SURG 2302 Clinical Practicum III	3			Good standing in the Surgical Technology program
Total Credit Hours	15			
TOTAL AAS PROGRAM CREDIT HOURS	61			

****Program Admission: students will be seated in Core Classes (SURG courses in Semesters Three and Four) based on successful completion of all criteria below:**

- Must apply to the program during the current cycle (open year-round) and complete Critical Thinking Assessment.
- Applications must be renewed each June to be considered for the following year.
- Must have successfully completed at least four General Education courses (including electives) listed above prior starting Core Classes.
- Must have successfully completed program prerequisites (BIOL 1000, SURG 1304, SURG 1305, and SURG 2310) with a grade of C or higher prior to starting Core Classes.
- Successful completion (grade of C or higher) of Candidacy classes (SURG 1410 and SURG 2299) in addition to the above guarantees placement in Core Cohort for the subsequent semester.
- If open seats remain in a Core Cohort after Candidates are seated, applications will be considered for applicants without credit for SURG 1410 and SURG 2299 and filled based on the following:
 - Successful completion of General Education courses
 - Completion of all program prerequisites
 - Grade Point Average in prerequisite courses

*****Students with an active certification as a Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) or a Central Service Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT) may receive prior learning assessment credit for the following classes:**

BIOL 1000 Medical Terminology

SURG 1304 Basic Anatomy

CSPT 1310 Central Processing Capstone

CSPT 1511 Central Processing Practicum I

NOTE: Students accepted into the Surgical Technology Program will be required to provide a copy of a background check and drug screening. NSCC doesn't not use the background check or drug screenings as criteria for admission to the program. Background checks and/or Drug Screenings are required by some clinical sites as a condition of participation. Students are required to participate in a variety of clinical experiences to successfully complete the program. For questions regarding the background check, please call 615-353-3691.