

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.**

Submit application to Surgical Technology program

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)
SURG 1305 Surgical Pharmacology	3			Level 2 placement in mathematics
SURG 2310 Microbiology and Asepsis	3			NONE
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

<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
General Education Math or Science - MATH 1010 Math for Liberal Arts recommended	3			See catalog for general education listings and prerequisites
COMM 2025 Fundamentals of Communication	3			ENGL 1010
General Education Humanities – PHIL 1040 Introduction to Ethics 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
Program Approved Elective*	3			See below for a complete list of program-approved electives
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>
Program Approved Elective*	3			See below for list of program-approved electives
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-approved electives (Select two of the following options): 6 credits**

BIOL 1215 – Principles of Nutrition

ENGL 1020 – English Composition II

MATH 1530 – Introductory Statistics

PSYC 2130 – Life Development Psychology

INFS 1010 – Computer Applications

CSPT 1310 – Central Processing Capstone

CSPT 1511—Central Processing Practicum I

Students with prior college-level coursework not on this list should contact their advisor to determine if a course substitution is appropriate.

****Program Admission: students will be seated in Core Classes (Semesters Three and Four) based on successful completion of all criterial 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 at least five General Education courses
 - Completion of all program prerequisites
 - Critical Thinking Assessment score

***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.