

Nashville State Community College Surgical Technology Program

Thank you for your interest in the Surgical Technology program at Nashville State Community College. Nashville State Surgical Technology is a nationally accredited program by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education (CAAHEP), and its graduates may be certified by The National Board of Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assistants (NBSTSA, formerly the LCC-ST). Our ST program offers both extensive education and clinical experience. You may view more details at *LCC-ST.ORG*. In as little as nine months, you could enter the healthcare profession as a Surgical Technologist and help dramatically improve another's life.

What is a Surgical Technologist?

Surgical technologists, also called scrubs and surgical or operating room technicians, assist in surgical procedures under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. Before an operation, surgical technologists help prepare the operating room by setting up surgical instruments and equipment, sterile drapes, and sterile solutions. They assemble both sterile and non-sterile equipment, as well as adjust and check it to ensure it is working properly. Technologists also get patients ready for surgery by washing, shaving, and disinfecting incision sites. They transport patients to the operating room, help position them on the operating table, and cover them with sterile surgical "drapes." During surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons and surgical assistants. They may hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments. Surgical technologists help prepare, care for, and dispose of specimens taken for laboratory analysis and help apply dressings. Some operate sterilizers, lights, or suction machines, and help operate diagnostic equipment. After an operation, surgical technologists may help transfer patients to the recovery room and clean and restock the operating room.

What Else?

- Both an Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) and Technical Certification offered
- Exposure to "cutting edge" technology
- Fast-paced
- Education and advancement opportunities
- All instructors are experienced CSTs or RNs

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