



## **Surgical Assisting Program Admission Requirements**

Acceptance into the program will be determined by interview score, grade point average, recommendation forms, courses completed toward the program, and Tennessee residency.

1. Each applicant must submit a current NSCC application and official transcripts for past academic work.
2. Each applicant must submit documentation of a minimum of one year of proficient experience in the operating room working in the scrub role within the last three years.
  - Applicants with less than three years experience are subject to further review
  - Review must demonstrate excellence in all aspects of work in the scrub role (i.e. skills, preparation, and professionalism).
3. Each applicant must submit documentation of holding either a CST or CNOR or be qualified to sit for the CST or the CNOR exam.
  - a. **ST APPLICANTS:** Students qualified to sit for the CST exam must successfully complete the CST exam prior to NSCC Surgical Assistant Program completion.
  - b. **NURSE APPLICANTS:** Must have an RN, submit proof of current licensure, and must be qualified to sit for the CNOR exam.
4. Each applicant must submit documentation for health records necessary to participate in clinical experience according to the requirements of each clinical affiliate. Documentation of a criminal background check may also be required based on clinical affiliates' policy and Tennessee State law.
5. Each applicant must submit documentation of and maintain Health Care Provider CPR certification for the duration of their enrollment in the Nashville State Community College Surgical Assisting Program.
6. Upon acceptance into the program, students will be required to purchase individual professional liability insurance for the duration of their enrollment in the Nashville State Community College Surgical Assisting Program. Students will also be required to submit proof of health insurance to cover any and all injuries or illnesses during the Program.
7. Each applicant must submit one recommendation form from
  - His or her supervisor
  - A co-worker
  - A surgeon who works with the applicant
8. Each applicant must submit a signed "Clinical Preceptor Agreement" from his or her precepting surgeon.
9. Each applicant will be required to complete a formal review which may include a panel interview as directed by program staff before admittance will be granted.
10. Prior work experience in the Surgical Assistant role may be considered for course credit. If a student desires to have prior work experience evaluated for course credit, documentation must be submitted prior to program acceptance. Only Surgical Assistant experience within the past two years will be considered for course credit.