Critical Advisement Information

**Surgical Tech and Central Processing Technology**

**Program Site:** <https://www.nscc.edu/academics/degrees-certificates/central-processing-technology-technical-certificate>

1. There is a separate application for our programs; just indicating these majors does not let us know you want to be considered, and there is a selection process including a scored interview.
2. All learning support requirements must be met before starting either program.
3. Students will be on a set, two-semester schedule once accepted; if they fail to progress (pass), they will have to reapply.
4. Each program has a primarily daytime course/clinical schedule.
5. The programs share three classes (Medical Terminology, Basic Anatomy, and Microbiology and Asepsis) so taking any of these will help reduce a student’s load once admitted.
6. Completing either of the programs will help prepare a student for the other one; the roles are related and both fields have extremely good job outlooks.
7. Have a conversation with the student about the connection between their degree choice and ultimate career choice.
8. Help students understand resources to support student success available through Nashville State.

<https://www.nscc.edu/current-students/on-campus-resources>

1. Have a conversation with the student about how their course work will help them reach their academic goals (i.e., coursework [writing assignments, speeches, presentations, collaborative assignments, exams, discussions, readings, research, etc.] helps improve reading, writing, critical thinking, communication, interpersonal, and time management skills)
2. Have a conversation with the student about how their educational experience at NSCC has contributed to their personal growth.
3. Make sure they are aware of the Advising Sheets and Career Outcomes tools. You can email them any of the tools during or after the advisement session.