

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Surgical Services prepares students to become contributing members of a healthcare team and to demonstrate safe patient care and surgical consciousness.

Students receive the educational development and hands-on training required to prepare them to work closely with patients, doctors and other surgical professionals in a medical setting and participate in clinical experiences made available by surgical service providers. Furthermore, the program seeks to remain in the forefront of ever-changing technology, embracing innovation in the delivery of services within the perioperative, field and educational facilities.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Task
<input type="checkbox"/> View career information at http://www.fscj.edu/careercoach
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor each term.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfill the Civic Literacy requirement.
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the associate in science degree graduation requirements.

Program Accreditation

The Florida State College at Jacksonville A.S. degree in Surgical Services program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 9355 113th St. N. #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, (727) 210-2350, or <http://www.caahep.org/>, upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. The **application deadlines** are May 15 each year with classes starting in Fall Term and September 15 each year with classes starting in Spring Term.

Advising

(904) 713-4545 or hcc@fscj.edu.

Recommended Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about recommended courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog for additional information. A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all prerequisite and professional courses, as well as courses used to satisfy the general education and civic literacy requirements.

Prerequisites Taken Before Admission to the Surgical Services Program

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENC 1101: English Composition I or ENC 1101C: English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102: Writing About Texts	3-4	Varies	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAC 1105: College Algebra or higher-level MAC prefix course or MAP 2302: Differential Equations or MGF 1106: Topics in College Mathematics or MGF 1107: Explorations in Mathematics or STA 2023: Elementary Statistics	3-5	Varies	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC 2085C: Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Varies	Varies

General Education Courses

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH 2020: United States History From 1877 to the Present or POS 2041: American Federal Government	3	Varies	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARH 2000: Art in the Humanities or PHI 2010: Philosophy in the Humanities or MUL 2010: Music in the Humanities or LIT 2000: Literature in the Humanities or HUM 2020: Topics in the Humanities or THE 2000: Theatre in the Humanities	3	Varies	Varies

Term 1

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1538: Medical Terminology for Surgical Technology	2	Fall, Spring	Online
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC 2086C: Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Varies	Varies
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1307C: Surgical Sciences and Instrumentation	4	Fall, Spring	On-Campus, Clinical

Term 2

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1302: Introduction to Surgical Technology	4	Spring, Summer	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1302L: Introduction to Surgical Technology Lab	2	Spring, Summer	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1310: Surgical Principles and Techniques	4	Spring, Summer	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1310L: Surgical Principles and Techniques Lab	2	Spring, Summer	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 1340: Pharmacology and Anesthesia	2	Spring, Summer	Online
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2365: Professional Skills for the OR Team	1	Spring, Summer	Online

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics that you may be required to take. Students who place into developmental education courses are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study. In addition, it does not include MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra, which, for many students, is a prerequisite course for MAC 1105.

Certification/Licensing

This program enables the graduate to sit for the National Certifying Examination to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST). Students who pass the CST exam will be eligible for licensure in surgical technology through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). For more information about CST certification, visit <https://www.nbstsa.org/cst-certification>.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Career Options

Surgical technologists work under the supervision of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of surgical procedures, ensuring that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. Certified surgical technologists work in operating rooms, ambulatory surgery centers, central supply, labor and delivery areas, cardiac catheterization laboratories, private physician offices, and other settings where invasive procedures are performed.

Related Roadmaps

Embedded Technical Certificate(s)

Technical certificates are available within this degree program. Students may pursue the A.S. degree and earn technical certificates while completing the requirements for the degree or pursue one or more certificates to develop or upgrade their skills in a particular field. Contact an advisor to determine the career education path that is best for you. Embedded technical certificates include:

- Surgical Technology Specialist

Term 3

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2953: Surgical Technology Portfolio I	1	Summer, Fall	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2323: Surgical Procedures I	4	Summer, Fall	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2323L: Surgical Procedures I Lab	2	Summer, Fall	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2324: Surgical Procedures II	4	Summer, Fall	On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2324L: Surgical Procedures II Lab	2	Summer, Fall	On-Campus

Term 4

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours	Terms Offered	Available Modalities
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2936: Surgical Certification Symposium	1	Fall, Spring	Online, On-Campus
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2944C: Surgical Technology Clinical I	4	Fall, Spring	On-Campus, Online, Offsite
<input type="checkbox"/>	STS 2945C: Surgical Technology Clinical II	4	Fall, Spring	On-Campus, Online, Offsite

Total Program Credit Hours

The Surgical Services A.S. degree program requires a **minimum of 64 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual degree plan. Please see an advisor for individual guidance.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the following program learning outcomes:

- Qualify to sit for the NBSTSA Surgical Technology Certifying Examination
- Demonstrate the knowledge and skill required for an entry level Surgical Technologist
- Exhibit communication and interpersonal skills required for a Surgical Technologist
- As a healthcare professional, the graduate will exemplify appropriate behavior as a team member working in Surgical Services
- Interpret legal and ethical responsibilities specific to the Surgical Technologist in all relevant Surgical Settings
- Demonstrate and understand safety measures required for the Surgical Patient, Team, and in the Surgical Services environment