

About the Program

The Technical Certificate (T.C.) in Central Sterile Processing Technologist prepares students for a career as an entry-level Central Sterile Processing Technologist.

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

Program Requirements

This program requires a **minimum of 30 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic plan. This program is **eligible** for financial aid.

Students in this program are not required to complete math courses unless they are listed as part of the certificate program. If you plan to pursue the degree program in this same field, please note **this certificate articulates directly into the Surgical Services (2167) (A.S.) degree**, which includes an **Algebra Through Calculus math pathway**. To learn more about the Surgical Services (A.S.) degree, visit fscj.edu/academics/programs/as/2167.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. Admission to this technical certificate is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria.

Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next.

- ☐ To meet the minimum requirements for consideration and acceptance to the Surgical Services program, students must
- ☐ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ☐ Complete a Florida State College at Jacksonville application.
- ☐ Complete a Central Sterile Processing Technologist technical certificate application and submit to the Health Career Advising by the published deadline.
- ☐ Complete the required prerequisite coursework with a grade of C or higher.
- ☐ Provide evidence of current CPR certification (adult, child and infant) achieved through an American Heart Association approved Basic Life Support (BLS) course for Healthcare Providers that includes hands-on simulated experiences.

Upon acceptance to the program, students must

- ☐ Submit to a criminal background check.
- ☐ Submit to a drug screening.
- ☐ Submit a physical examination.

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next, followed by those with the highest number of completed prerequisite courses. Qualified applicants with pending prerequisite course requirements will receive a conditional acceptance letter outlining the remaining criteria for full program admission.

Application Deadlines

The **application deadlines** are May 15 each year with classes starting in the fall term and September 15 each year with classes starting in the summer term.

Placement Testing

Please meet with an advisor to determine if college placement testing is required. 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 and are also required to take one of two student success strategies courses. For additional information, visit catalog.fscj.edu/academics/developmental-education-programs or speak with an advisor.

Technical Certificate Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn minimum prescribed semester hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year** who have not tested into developmental education courses. **Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog** will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of Trustees may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Curriculum

All courses in this program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Terms Offered are subject to change. Please verify course availability at fscj.edu/schedules. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Prerequisite Coursework

Prior to being admitted to the program, an applicant must complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C or higher.

- ☐ General Education Natural Sciences: **BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I**, Credit Hours: 4.

Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Term 1: Fall or Spring

Before enrolling in your first term classes, **please meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your academic plan.

- ☐ **STS 1538 - Medical Terminology for Surgical Technology**, Credit Hours: 2. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

Grade Earned: _____

- ☐ **STS 1307C - Surgical Sciences and Instrumentation**, Credit Hours: 4. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

Grade Earned: _____

Term 2: Spring or Summer

- ☐ **STS 1302 - Introduction to Surgical Technology**, Credit Hours: 4. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

- ☐ **STS 1302L - Introduction to Surgical Technology Lab**, Credit Hours: 2. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

- ☐ **STS 1310 - Surgical Principles and Techniques**, Credit Hours: 4. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

- ☐ **STS 1310L - Surgical Principles and Techniques Lab**, Credit Hours: 2. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

- ☐ **STS 1340 - Pharmacology and Anesthesia**, Credit Hours: 2. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

Term 3: Summer or Fall

- ☐ **STS 2323 - Surgical Procedures I**, Credit Hours: 4. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

- ☐ **STS 2323L - Surgical Procedures I Lab**, Credit Hours: 2. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Summer.

Grade Earned: _____

Course Requirements

Prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions for any course are subject to change. Students must meet the prerequisite and corequisite requirements of any course at the time the student attempts to register for that course. If you have questions about the prerequisites, corequisites, or conditions for a course, please contact any academic advisor.

General Education Course

Complete the following course with a minimum grade of C or higher prior to being admitted to the program

BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I, Credit Hours: 4. **State Core course.** **Prerequisite(s):** None. **Corequisite(s):** None. **Conditions:** High School Chemistry taken within the past five years. High School Biology taken within the past five years. This course may require proctored testing at an approved location. Students may be charged testing fees at off-campus and virtual testing locations. For additional information and resources, please see the College's Online Learning website. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

Professional Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

STS 1302 - Introduction to Surgical Technology, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1538. **Corequisite(s):** None. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

STS 1302L - Introduction to Surgical Technology Lab, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1538. **Corequisite(s):** None. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

STS 1307C - Surgical Sciences and Instrumentation, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s):** BSC 2085C. **Corequisite(s):** None. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

STS 1310 - Surgical Principles and Techniques, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1538, STS 1302 and STS 1302L. **Corequisite(s):** STS 1310L. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

STS 1310L - Surgical Principles and Techniques Lab, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1302 and STS 1302L. **Corequisite(s):** STS 1310. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

STS 1340 - Pharmacology and Anesthesia, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1538. **Corequisite(s):** None. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Spring, Summer.

STS 1538 - Medical Terminology for Surgical Technology, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s):** BSC 2085C. **Corequisite(s):** None. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

STS 2323 - Surgical Procedures I, Credit Hours: 4. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1340, STS 1302, STS 1302L, STS 1310 and STS 1310L. **Corequisite(s):** STS 2323L. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Summer.

STS 2323L - Surgical Procedures I Lab, Credit Hours: 2. **Prerequisite(s):** STS 1340, STS 1302, STS 1302L, STS 1310 and STS 1310L. **Corequisite(s):** STS 2323. **Conditions:** Must be admitted to the Surgical Services or Central Sterile Processing Technologist program. **Terms Offered:** Fall, Summer.