

INFORMATION SESSION SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY, A.S.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION



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- The Surgical Technology program at Great Bay Community College is the only Associate of Science degree program of its kind in the area. Our program works with several local and regional hospitals for clinical experiences.
- The Surgical Technology program will provide you with the knowledge, tools, and skills you will need to become an entry-level Surgical Technologist. You will learn the latest procedures, pharmacology, anatomy and physiology, sterile technique, instruments and supplies you will need to assist during surgery.
- 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 operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.
- The Surgical Technologist handles the instruments, supplies, and equipment necessary during the surgical procedure. Duties include setting up a sterile field, gowning and gloving other sterile team members, maintaining the highest standard of sterile technique during procedures, and assisting the surgeon during surgery.
- With advanced training, Surgical Technologists may become first assistants who assist in complex surgical procedures such as open-heart surgery. With additional education, they may become operating room nurses, physician assistants, or instructors. Some Surgical Technologists assume management positions in hospital education, and central supply departments or business firms such as sterile-supply services and operating-room equipment distributions.
- The Surgical Technology program here at GBCC follows the latest edition of the [Association of Surgical Technology \(AST\) Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology](#).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- We only accept 20 students each Fall, making this a very competitive program to get into.
- We have roughly 75-100 applicants each year
- More than half of applicants meet admissions requirements
- Completion of an application does not guarantee acceptance
- After capacity is reached, we may establish a waitlist for additional completed applicants
- We'll show you what goes into your application review and how you can make yourself a more competitive candidate

CST CERTIFICATION EXAM RESULTS

| Years | % passed the CST Exam | % working in Local hospitals |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2024 | 100% | 100% |
| 2023 | 60% | 100% |
| 2022 | 55% | 100% |
| 2021 | 83% | 100% |
| 2020 | 80% | 80% |
| 2019 | 87.5% | 100% |
| 2018 | 86% | 86% |
| 2017 | 83% | 100% |
| 2016 | 100% | 100% |
| 2015 | 100% | 100% |
| 2014 | 91% | 91% |

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Applications must be submitted, and all requirements met by April 1st for fall consideration
- Applying is free and completed online at
<https://www.greatbay.edu/admissions/apply/>
- Send high school and college (if applicable) transcripts to GBCC
 - Email – gbadmissions@ccsnh.edu
 - Mail – Great Bay Community College, 320 Corporate Dr, Portsmouth, NH 03801
 - High school transcripts do not have to be official (directly from school); college transcripts need to be official in order to qualify for potential transfer credit



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Provide proof of high school completion or equivalent.
- Provide proof of completion of high school biology, or equivalent with a grade of “C” or greater or proof of registration in a course with a projected completion date of August 30th of the current year. Computer background strongly recommended.
 - If you don’t have (or meet) the high school biology requirement, you can;
 - Take [BIOL041G](#) through GBCC (or equivalent at another CCSNH college)
 - Take an [adult education class](#) through your local high school
 - Take the courses through [NH's Virtual Learning Academy Charter School \(VLACS\)](#)
 - Take the courses through [APEX Learning Online](#)
 - Take the courses through [Ed2Go at GBCC](#)
- Place into college level Math, Reading and Writing (Accuplacer Test through our CAPS Department) or demonstrate equivalent competencies through a high school or college transcripts (SAT scores may satisfy the requirement as well)

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A COMPETITIVE CANDIDATE

- Special Consideration Points are awarded if you...
 - Have completed any of the following college-level courses prior to the April 1 deadline with a grade of “C” or better: Human Anatomy & Physiology I, Human Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology. (must provide transcript and may require syllabus for transferability)
 - 5-year time limit for A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology will be waived starting with the Fall 2026 application cycle
 - Are Health Occupation students in a CTE high school program prior to the April 1 deadline.
 - Are LPNs/MNAs, CNAs, EMTs, Medical Assistants, or Paramedics with an active license/certification. If you are currently one of the listed, please submit a copy of your license to Admissions that shows your name, type of license, and expiration date. A screenshot from your state’s Department of Licensing showing this information is acceptable.

****Special Consideration Points will only be awarded to completed applications (HS Transcript, HS Biology and Accuplacer requirements must be met)***

LIBERAL ARTS PRE-SURG TECH OPTION

- Program is officially a Liberal Arts Degree program
 - You cannot achieve a degree in Pre-Surg Tech
 - Admission into this program does not guarantee acceptance into the Surgical Technology program
 - Allows students to be financial aid eligible
 - Matriculation into this program allows you to work with a Pre-Surg Tech advisor to complete general education requirements towards the Surgical Technology program (see next slide for list)
 - Completion of General Education courses helps to reduce overall time commitment each semester and allows students to focus solely on Surgical Technology Core courses upon acceptance

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – GEN ED COURSES

- BIOL110G Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Requires a “C” grade or higher)
- BIOL120G Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Requires a “C” grade or higher)
- BIOL210G Microbiology (Requires a “C” grade or higher)
- AHLT110G Medical Terminology
- ENGL110G College Composition I
- MATH145/147G Quantitative Reasoning
- PSYC110G Introduction to Psychology
- Foreign Language/Humanities/Fine Arts Elective

*5-year time limit for A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology will be waived starting with the Fall 2026 application cycle



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APPLICATION DECISIONS

- Applicants are notified of their decision by mid-April via email
- Accepted students are provided information on:
 - \$100 nonrefundable tuition deposit
 - Mandatory Surg Tech Orientation (usually the 1st or 2nd week in May)
- Maximum of 20 students accepted.
- GBCC establishes a waitlist once we reach our max capacity
 - The waitlist is used to ensure that the program starts with a full cohort.



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WAITLISTED SURG TECH APPLICANTS

- If you've been waitlisted, there are a few things you can do while waiting for a potential opening;
 - Register for summer courses
 - AHLT110G Medical Terminology and BIOL110G Anatomy and Physiology I are preferred courses to be completed prior to beginning the program
 - These two courses are required in the event that a late acceptance is offered to you by the program coordinator after the Fall semester begins
 - Work towards completing any additional General Education courses required for the program
 - Attend May Orientation
 - In the event that an accepted student withdraws, or is a no-show, you will have all the information needed if you are offered a spot in the program (Important Canvas Learning Environment, MindTap, and Lab as well as getting self-registration capability) (Contact Kristin Whitney at Kwhitney@ccsnh.edu to RSVP)

TRANSFERRING CREDITS

- Courses must be from a regionally accredited institution
- Courses must be passed with a “C” or better
 - **Transfer policy for applicants applying to Surgical Technology: Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II and Microbiology must be 4 credits with a lab component; passed with a “C” or better.**
 - *5-year time limit for A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology will be waived starting with the Fall 2026 application cycle
 - **Syllabi may be requested before confirmation of transferability.**
 - Courses must be applicable to the program of study at GBCC.
 - An official evaluation of your prior college transcript would be completed once accepted into a program at GBCC.
 - Unofficial transfer credit evaluation can be requested by emailing GBCC's Advising & Transfer Center (greatbayadvising@ccsnh.edu) and requesting an unofficial transfer credit evaluation.



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CURRICULUM – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Working while in Surgical Technology program
 - The program has required courses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week during your first year (Fall and Spring Semesters)
 - The program requires you to meet Tuesday through Thursday each week during your second year due to clinicals (Fall and Spring Semesters)
 - Keep in mind the time commitment outside of the classroom as well (studying/assignments)
 - Majority of students work part time while enrolled in Surgical Technology program (not meant for full-time employment, especially during your second year)
 - Completion of Gen Eds ahead of time will reduce time commitment during the program



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CURRICULUM – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Upon acceptance, applicants must participate in an operating room tour at a hospital affiliated with the program. This experience will be under the supervision of the program director or designee and will occur prior to the start of Orientation to Surgical Clinical (SURGI23). Specific dates will be provided to each student.
- Must be available for 2-week Summer Course between 1st and 2nd year
 - SURGI23G Orientation to Surg. Clinical (Off Campus)
 - Monday through Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm beginning of May

CURRICULUM – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fall Semester 1st Year
 - SURG115G Basic Instrument, Supplies, & Equipment (Wed. Morning Lab or Wed. Afternoon Lab for 3hrs)
 - SURG118G Surgical Technology Fundamentals Lecture (Meets remotely via zoom Tuesday Morning for 3hrs)
 - SURG119G Surgical Technology Fundamentals Lab (Wed. Morning Lab or Wed. Afternoon Lab for 3hrs)
- Spring Semester 1st Year
 - SURG116G Advanced Instrument, Supplies, & Equipment (Wed. Morning Lab or Wed. Afternoon Lab for 3hrs)
 - SURG121G Surgical Procedure I Lecture (Meets remotely via zoom Tuesday Morning for 3hrs)
 - SURG122G Surgical Procedure I (Wed. Morning Lab or Wed. Afternoon Lab for 3hrs)



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CURRICULUM – WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fall Semester 2nd Year
 - SURG210G Surgical Procedures II (Meets remotely via zoom 1 time per month on Monday Mornings for 3 hours)
 - SURG215G Surgical Clinical I (Off campus)
 - Clinicals are Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00am to 3:00pm (location determined by Program Coordinator)
- Spring Semester 2nd Year
 - SURG224G Surgical Procedures III/Special Considerations in Surgery (Meets remotely via zoom 4 times per semester on set Monday Mornings for 3 hours)
 - SURG225G Surgical Clinical II (Off campus)
 - Clinicals are Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00am to 3:00pm (location determined by Program Coordinator)

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to the SURG123G, Orientation to Surgical Clinical (held in Summer between 1st and 2nd year) Surgical Technology students must:
 - Possess and maintain professional liability insurance (available at the college)
 - Submit a report of a current physical examination including all program required health screening and immunizations
 - Certify in American Heart Association CPR Healthcare Provider or Red Cross equivalent (BLS) (No on-line CPR certifications accepted)
 - Possess/maintain health/accident insurance
 - Complete a Level I criminal background check. Students may be required to perform more than one criminal background check throughout the course of the program based on clinical facility requirements. Participation in clinical experiences may be restricted or denied based on results of criminal record check and therefore would affect the ability of the student to meet course objectives and successfully complete the program.
 - Pass a 12-panel drug screen (through approved vendor)
 - Students may be required to perform more than one drug test throughout the course of the program based on clinical facility requirements. Participation in clinical experiences may be restricted or denied based on results of drug testing and therefore would affect the ability of the student to meet course objective and successfully complete the program.



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COST OF PROGRAM

2025-2026 Surgical Technology Associate in Science Estimated Program Cost Information for NH Residents

| First Year - Fall Semester | Course Code | Course Name | Credits | Tuition and Comprehensive Fees | Academic Instruction Fees | Surgical Clinical Surcharge | Total Cost |
|------------------------------|----------------|---|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | SURG 118G | Introduction to Surgical Technology Fundamentals Theory | 6 | \$1,530.00 | | | \$1,530.00 |
| | SURG 119G | Introduction to Surgical Technology Fundamentals Lab | 1 | \$255.00 | \$110 | | \$365.00 |
| | SURG 115G | Basic Instruments, Supplies and Equipment | 1 | \$255.00 | \$110 | | \$365.00 |
| | AHLT 110G | Medical Terminology | 3 | \$765.00 | | | \$765.00 |
| | BIOL 110G | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 | \$1,020.00 | \$110 | | \$1,130.00 |
| | | | | <i>Semester Total:</i> | 15 | | \$4,155.00 |
| First Year - Spring Semester | Course Code | Course Name | Credits | Tuition and Comprehensive Fees | Academic Instruction Fees | Surgical Clinical Surcharge | Total Cost |
| | SURG 116G | Advanced Instrumentation Supplied & Equipment | 1 | \$255.00 | \$110 | | \$365.00 |
| | SURG 121G | Surgical Procedures I Lecture | 3 | \$765.00 | | | \$765.00 |
| | SURG 122G | Surgical Procedures I Lab | 1 | \$255.00 | \$110 | | \$365.00 |
| | BIOL 120G | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 | \$1,020.00 | \$110 | | \$1,130.00 |
| | ENGL 110G | College Composition I | 4 | \$1,020.00 | | | \$1,020.00 |
| | | | | <i>Semester Total:</i> | 13 | | \$3,645.00 |
| First Year - Summer Semester | Course Code | Course Name | Credits | Tuition and Comprehensive Fees | Academic Instruction Fees | Surgical Clinical Surcharge | Total Cost |
| | SURG 123G | Orientation to Surgical Clinical | 2 | \$510.00 | \$220 | \$500 | \$1,230.00 |
| | MATH 145G/147G | Quantitative Reasoning/Plus | 4 | \$1,020.00 | | | \$1,020.00 |
| | BIOL 210G | Microbiology | 4 | \$1,020.00 | \$110 | | \$1,130.00 |
| | | | | <i>Semester Total:</i> | 10 | | \$3,380.00 |
| Second Year - Fall Semester | Course Code | Course Name | Credits | Tuition and Comprehensive Fees | Academic Instruction Fees | Surgical Clinical Surcharge | Total Cost |
| | SURG 210G | Surgical Procedures II | 3 | \$765.00 | | | \$765.00 |
| | SURG 215G | Surgical Clinical I | 8 | \$2,040.00 | \$880 | \$500 | \$3,420.00 |
| | PSCY 110G | Introduction to Psychology | 3 | \$765.00 | | | \$765.00 |
| | | | | <i>Semester Total:</i> | 14 | | \$4,950.00 |



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COST OF PROGRAM CONT'D

| Second Year - Spring Semester | Course Code | Course Name | Credits | Tuition and Comprehensive Fees | Academic Instruction Fees | Surgical Surcharge | Clinical Total Cost |
|---|-------------|---|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | SURG 224G | Surgical Procedures III/Special Considerations in Surgery | 4 | \$1,020.00 | | | \$1,020.00 |
| | SURG 225G | Surgical Clinical II | 8 | \$2,040.00 | \$880 | \$500 | \$3,420.00 |
| | | Foreign Language/Humanities/Fine Arts Elective | 3 | \$765.00 | | | \$765.00 |
| | | <i>Semester Total:</i> | 15 | | | | \$5,205.00 |
| Additional Fees | | | | | | | |
| <i>Surgical Technology Lab Supplies (\$125 required with SURG 118G and SURG 119G)</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Association of Surgical Technology (AST) Membership (\$45/per a year)</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>AST Study Guide/App (second year - fall semester)</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Certified Surgical Technologist Exam (second year - spring semester)</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>*Criminal Background/12 Panel Drug Screening</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Clinical Paperwork for some Clinical sites (HCA Caring Bridges)</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>*BLS Healthcare Provider CPR Certification</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Required Surg Tech Books, Supplies, Equipment, and Uniforms</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Student Liability Insurance (\$20/per a year)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Total Estimated Program Cost | | | | | | | |
| Figures are based on cost from the 2025-2026 Academic year and are subject to change. | | | | | | | |
| <i>*Required prior to the First Year/Spring Semester.</i> | | | | | | | |

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

- Financial Aid
 - Includes Pell Grants, Scholarships, Loans
 - File a FAFSA through fafsa.gov (GBCC School Code = 002583)
 - If you have questions, please connect with our Financial Aid Office at gbfinaid@ccsnh.edu
- Scholarships
 - Please visit our [website](http://greatbay.edu) for more information (greatbay.edu, “Afford” tab, “Scholarships & Other Aid”)
- Tuition Reimbursement
 - Benefits that your current employer may offer (check with your Human Resources Office)
- Veteran Benefits
 - Surgical Technology program (and Liberal Arts Pre-Surg Tech) are eligible for VA/GI Bill Funding
 - Connect with our Military Liaison, Sara Lang, at Slang@ccsnh.edu

GREAT BAY CC OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Portsmouth Campus Open Houses to be held 10.23.25, 1.8.26, and 4.9.26



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Questions???