

School of Surgical Technology

About Surgical Technology

Are you a highly motivated student and looking to become an integral part of a medical team? The Surgical Technology program offered by Maine Medical Center may be the program for you.

Why a Surgical Technologist?

A Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) is a member of the surgical team in the operating room who works with the surgeon, anesthesiologist and certified registered nurse, delivering direct patient care before, during and after surgery. Surgical technologists perform functions and tasks that provide a safe environment for surgical care and contribute to the efficiency of the operating team by supporting operating surgeons, nurses and others involved in operative procedures.

The certified surgical technologist may seek employment in environments such as the operating room, to a private scrub for a surgeon, in the delivery room, a dentist office or medical sales.

Overview

The Maine Medical Center School of Surgical Technology is a one year, full-time school and divided into two six-month semesters. First semester classes are held at Southern Maine Community College where the basic sciences, care, safety of the patient, and principles of operation room technique are taught and demonstrated. This semester is designed to give you a strong background in the knowledge, skills, and attitudes which are necessary for clinical practice. The second semester is held at various clinical sites enabling you to gain practical experience in the operating room.

At the end of the program you will be prepared and eligible to sit for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) exam to become a Certified Surgical Technologist.

MMC School of Surgical Technology is fully accredited by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation.

Upon Completion Graduates Will Be Able To:

- Sit for the national certification examination for surgical technologist
- Have opportunities for MaineHealth employment
- Provide safe care to the patient in a surgical setting
- Function as an integral part of a surgical team
- Practice as a surgical technologist in multiple clinical settings

Graduates of the program may apply for acceptance into the Associate of Applied Science Degree One-Plus-One Program at Southern Maine Community College. SMCC is fully accredited as a post-secondary educational institution by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Admission Process

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Two classes of 14-16 students per year, one class in September and one class in March. All students must submit a completed application with names of two work references, three character references, and must take the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Health Occupations Exam, scoring in the 50th percentile or higher. This exam is held 6 times a year. After reference forms and official high school transcripts are received, applicants interview with a faculty member. For full information see **“Admission Requirements.”**

Timeframe

September Class		March Class	
March	PSB Health Occupations Entrance Exam held for Sept. semester (offered 6x/year)	September	PSB Health Occupations Entrance Exam held for March semester (offered 6x/year)
April	First group of applicant interviews	October	First group of applicant interviews
May	PSB Health Occupations Entrance Exam held	November	PSB Health Occupations Entrance Exam held
June	Second group of applicant interviews	December	Second group of applicant interviews
July	PSB Health Occupations Entrance Exam held	January	PSB Health Occupations Entrance Exam held
August	Final group of applicant interviews and final decisions made for Sept.	February	Final group of applicant interviews and final decisions made for March
September	Semester begins	March	Semester begins

Costs

- \$50 non-refundable application fee
- \$50 non-refundable entrance exam fee
- \$500 upon acceptance, non-refundable deposit
- \$1,400 1st semester tuition (due one month prior to class start)
- \$1,900 2nd semester tuition (due one month prior to 2nd semester)
- Approx \$1,000 for textbooks
- Approx \$15 for supplies
- Approx \$60 for uniform scrubs

For More Information: mmc.org/surgtech | 207-741-5589

Employee Sponsorship

MaineHealth employees can apply for employee sponsorship, which includes an opportunity to qualify for this as a no-cost, earning while learning paid training.

To learn more about employee sponsorship opportunities and participating locations please contact workforcedevelopment@mainehealth.org.