



Maine Medical Center

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SCHOOL OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

The faculty of the Maine Medical Center School of Surgical Technology embraces teaching and educating excellent surgical technologists who will be the healthcare providers of tomorrow to meet community needs. We aspire to educate students to be productive employees who will be strong patient advocates with a solid surgical conscience. We want to give our students the tools they need to be active contributors, and to react effectively to the challenges and uncertainty of the surgical process. We aspire to instill an appreciation of the working of the most magnificent machines in existence, and to ensure student and faculty satisfaction and a valued co-existence in the educational process.

We fulfill our teaching and outcome goals by a variety of means. We, first, know well the fundamental content of our program and present it in ways that meet auditory, visual, and kinesthetic needs of different learners. We clearly define objectives and expected outcomes. We strive for active, practical learning and we use pertinent examples to harness excitement. We use repetition, demonstrations, and hands-on practice to build skills and confidence. We work to develop respect between student and teacher, and recognition of the roles of both. We offer students support and guidance throughout the program and encourage their involvement in their learning experience.

We have a variety of assessment tools to measure the learning success of our students. We use frequent quizzes and practicum exams to test student compliance with educational standards of the core curriculum of the ARC/STSA (Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting). We administer the CST certification exam at completion of the program and strive for a 100% pass rate. We seek direct student feedback throughout the program, closely monitor test performance and keep students apprised of their progress. We survey graduates and employers one year after graduation for graduate and employer satisfaction rates.

As faculty in this program we are proud to fulfill Maine Medical Center's core value of educating tomorrow's caregivers. We are proud of the prodigious results of our program as evidenced by these assessment tools. We are rewarded by seeing students bloom into professional surgical technologists.