



Planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

McLennan Community College Surgical Technology Program FACTS

The Surgical Technology program at McLennan Community College is a one-year certificate program and is part of the Allied Health Division. The professional credentials awarded for successful completion of an accredited program and passing the national certification examination is: CST by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. A Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) is an integral member of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients before, during and after surgery. The CST prepares the operating room with sterile supplies and functions as a sterile member of the surgical team, passing instruments and other supplies to the surgeon and surgical assistant. Other responsibilities include accountability of surgical supplies and instruments shared with a registered nurse and may involve holding various instruments under the direction of the surgeon.

The median salary across the nation for qualified surgical technologists is about \$39,920 (www.onetonline.org) but can increase with call pay, shift differentials, and weekend/holiday shifts. Salaries depend on education, experience, level of responsibility, type of employment, and area of the country.

Application Deadline: June 1

Applicants will be notified by mail of their program status. The Surgical Technology program admits one class a year each fall semester.

Application Process:

- A. Apply for admission to MCC.
 1. Submit completed application form to the Office of Admissions.
 2. Submit appropriate transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
 - a. First-time college students must submit official high school transcripts or GED scores.
 - b. Students who have attended college elsewhere must submit official transcripts for all college work.
- B. Apply for admission to the Surgical Technology program; all program applications and other paperwork are submitted to the office of the surgical technology program director.
 1. Submit a completed Surgical Technology program application.
 2. Submit transcripts from high school/GED or other colleges attended. (May be unofficial copies.)
 3. Failure to submit updated transcripts may cause an applicant to be ineligible for admission to the program.
 4. Contact the ST Program Director (254-299-8301) or the Health Careers secretary (254-299-8347) to attend the mandatory Information Session.

NOTE: TSI requirements and all require non-core courses **must** be completed **by the June 1 deadline for the surgical technology program**. Classes taken in Summer II will not be considered for meeting the prerequisites.

Admission Requirements:

Program required non-core courses: BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I; HPRS 1206 Medical Terminology; BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II; HPRS 2301 Pathophysiology
Attend a mandatory Information Session.
Take the ATI TEAS exam and pass it with a 59 or greater.

Minimum Requirements: Have a minimum GPA of 2.50 in required non-core courses and a cumulative overall 2.25 GPA. Typically, students must score higher than the minimum requirements to be accepted into the surgical technology program. Entry into the program is based off of a point system with 20 student slots available. Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee and are accepted in the order of priority until the enrollment limit has been reached. **Meeting the admission criteria does NOT guarantee admission into the surgical technology program.** A year-to-year waiting list is **NOT** maintained. Students must apply each year for admission. The current maximum number of students that can be accepted into the surgical technology program each fall is 20.

Clinical Practice: As a part of the Surgical Technology curriculum, students must complete a number of hours of supervised clinical practice in different health care facilities. These hours will be obtained over three semesters of course work (fall, spring, and summer). Students **must** be able to travel to the assigned clinical sites and transportation expenses are the student's responsibility. Clinical hours start at 6:30 am and end no later than 3:00pm.

Professional liability insurance is required of all health science students prior to the beginning of the first clinical assignment. The insurance is purchased through the college when the student enrolls in SRGT 1260, SRGT 1660, and SRGT 2660.

In addition, after January 1, 2020, all Health Profession students will be required to show proof of health insurance before attending clinical.

All students accepted to the program must be 18 years old by the start of the Fall clinical course.

Students must provide documentation of all current immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria/tetanus, seasonal influenza and varicella (chicken pox) prior to the first clinical assignment. (varicella must have proof of positive titer or documentation from physician)

2 TB skin test required, both tests must have been within the past years

Students must have completed or show proof the hepatitis B series is started prior to the first clinical assignment.

CPR certification must be maintained by the student during the duration of their training.

Students must pass a comprehensive drug screen and background check prior to the first clinical assignment.

Issues concerning drug screens and background checks **must** be discussed with the ST Program Director and the Health Professions Dean prior to acceptance into the program. No drug convictions within the past 5 years.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in either not being considered for the program or dropping the student from the program.

Cost and Financial Aid

Because various costs may change without prior notice, applicants are encouraged to contact the program director for current information. Scholarships, grants, loans, and work opportunities are available for students and information can be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid.

Program Courses

Prerequisites:

HPRS 1206	Medical Terminology
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II
HPRS 2301	Pathophysiology

Fall semester:

SRGT 1405	Introduction to Surgical Technology
SRGT 1409	Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts & Techniques
SRGT 1260	Clinical-Introductory
SRGT 2130	Professional Readiness

Spring Semester:

SRGT 1441	Surgical Procedures I
SRGT 1542	Surgical Procedures II
SRGT 1660	Clinical-Intermediate

Summer:

SRGT 2660	Clinical-Advanced
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Degree Planning:

For individual degree planning, call for an appointment with Marcie Rierson, Surgical Technology-Program Director at 254-299-8292 or email at mrrierson@mclennan.edu or Felicia Howard, Surgical Technology – Clinical Coordinator at 254-299-8301 or email at fhoward@mclennan.edu

McLennan Community College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, creed or religion, color, age, or national origin.

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Accreditation

The MCC-ST program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) and the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA).

Subject to Change Disclaimer

The policies, regulations, procedures, and fees associated with this program are subject to change without prior notice, if necessary, to keep College and program policies in compliance with State and Federal laws and/or with rules related to the program's accrediting agency. The College and the program reserve the right to change curricula, rules, fees, and other requirements, of whatever kind, affecting students in any way. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract, express or implied, between any applicant, student, faculty or staff member and McLennan Community College or this program.

**The MCC Surgical Technology program does not guarantee employment after graduating from the program.

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