



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 successfully completing an accredited program and passing the national certification examination are 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 surgical team member, 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 surgeon's direction.

The median salary across the nation for qualified surgical technologists is about \$60,610 (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: May 15

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

courses **must** be completed **by the May 15 deadline for the** surgical technology program. For classes taken in the Summer I semester will not be considered for meeting the prerequisites.

Application Process:

- A. Apply for admission to MCC.
 1. Submit the 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 (254-299-8292) to attend the mandatory Information Session.

Admission Requirements:

Complete with a C or better all program-required academic courses: BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I; HPRS 1206 Medical Terminology; ENGL Comp I; College level Speech; PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301; BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II; HPRS 2301 Pathophysiology; College level Math; BIOL 2420 Microbiology
Attend a mandatory Information Session.

Minimum Requirements: Have a minimum GPA of 2.50 in required academic 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 on a point system with 16 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 maximum number of students accepted into the surgical technology program each Summer II is 16.

Clinical Practice: As a part of the Surgical Technology curriculum, students must complete many hours of supervised clinical practice in different healthcare facilities. These hours will be obtained over two semesters of coursework (Fall and Spring). Students must travel outside McLennan County to the assigned clinical sites, and transportation expenses are the student's responsibility. Clinical hours start at 6:30 a.m. and end no later than 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: TSI requirements and all required academic

All Health Profession students must show proof of health insurance before attending clinical.

All students accepted to the program must be 18 years old by the program's start.

Before the first clinical assignment, students must provide documentation of all current immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria/tetanus, seasonal influenza, and varicella (chicken pox).

IGRA Serum blood screening (T-Spot) for TB is required for clinical

Students must have completed the hepatitis B series before the first clinical assignment.

McLennan Community College does not require students in Health Professions programs to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. However, clinical affiliates may require students and clinical faculty to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide a college-approved exemption.

**Information regarding MCC's exemption policy for vaccines is available upon request*

The student must maintain CPR certification (BLS) during their training.

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

Issues concerning drug screens and background checks **must** be discussed with the ST Program Director and the Health Professions Dean before 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 the student being dropped from the program.

Cost and Financial Aid

Because various costs may change without prior notice, applicants must 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:

Semester One:

HPRS 1206 Medical Terminology
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
ENGL 1301 Comp I
College Level Speech
PSYC 2301 Gen Psych or SOCI 1301 Into to Soc

Semester Two:

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
HPRS 2301 Pathophysiology
College Level Math
BIOL 2420 Microbiology

(Program Acceptance Required for Semesters 3-5)

Semester Three:

Summer II:

SRGT 1405 Introduction to Surgical Technology

Semester four:

Fall semester:

SRGT 1409 Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts & Techniques (1st 8 weeks)
SRGT 1441 Surgical Procedures I (2nd 8 weeks)
SRGT 1660 Clinical-Intermediate (16 weeks)

Semester Five:

Spring Semester:

SRGT 1442 Surgical Procedures II (1st 8 weeks)
SRGT 1391 Special Topics in Surgical/Operating Room Technician (2nd 8 weeks)
SRGT 2660 Clinical – Advanced (16 weeks)

Degree Planning:

For individual degree planning, call for an appointment with Marcie Rierison, 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) (www.caahep.com) upon the recommendation of 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.