Criteria for Successful Completion of the Curriculum and Graduation

Program Completion

The program consists of two full years, including a summer semester. Each Surgical Technology course is only offered once a year. Students are considered as having completed all program requirements when they have achieved a grade of "C" or better in all courses listed in the Surgical Technology curriculum (both program core courses and general education courses), have completed clinical case requirements according to current ARC/STSA standards, have completed a program exit exam and have taken the national certification exam.

National Certification Exam Eligibility

ARC/STSA standards require a 100% participation rate in certification exams therefore, all Surgical Technology students who have passed the program exit exam and completed clinical case requirements must sit for the national certification exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) as part of program completion. The program will arrange for On-Campus Web Based Testing (WBT) and submit student qualifications to NBSTSA. The student is responsible for payment of exam fees and providing items required for the exam application.

Transfer Students

The program does not accept credits from other Surgical Technology Programs. Students interested in attending this program must enroll from the beginning of the curriculum.

Program Readmission

Any student who exited the program may apply for readmission within one year of exiting the program. A student must meet the requirements for admission to the program at the time reinstatement is sought. Students are allowed only two attempts for successful completion of the ST program. A student's reinstatement will be contingent on the following:

1. The student must meet all program admission requirements at the time reinstatement is sought.
2. There must be available space in the program at the time of reinstatement request.
3. If a student is found by the Medical Director and/or faculty to not to qualify for specified reasons, the student will not be readmitted into the program.
4. Students who are dismissed for unprofessional behavior/conduct or a clinical violation/incident will not be readmitted to the ST program. This also includes, but

is not limited to, any violations of ST program policies and/or the following CCC Polices:

    a. Academic Integrity
    b. Equal Opportunity in Employment (EEO), Programs, Services, Activities
    c. Smoke, Drug and Alcohol-Free Campus
    d. Safety and Security
    e. Responsible Computer Usage

The student who wishes to be readmitted into the program must also:

1. Re-apply to the program as a new student would, with a letter stating the reason(s) for not being successful the last time and which outlines their plan to meet their future educational goals.
2. Student seeking re-admission into the program must follow the college policy on audits (see college catalogue). During their first semester after readmission, the readmitted student will be placed in audit status for any Surgical Technology course that was previously passed
3. Must attend 98% of the classroom lectures
4. Must attend 98% of the lab sessions
5. Must take and pass any written, oral, and/or lab test administered
6. Must pass the course in order to progress through the program
7. A clinical readmission applicant must pass a lab practicum assessment. If the assessment results in a failing grade, the applicant must be placed in the precluding lab practicum and receive a passing grade to be placed in clinical rotations.