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Designated Points of Contact

Academic Advisors for Military Off-Campus Sites

Provides assistance to Service members seeking information regarding available student support services at Coastal Carolina Community College, in addition to information regarding admissions, distance education, registration, official degree plans, and other military and community resources.

Phone: (910) 451-2391

Email: militaryoffcampus@coastalcarolina.edu

Admissions & Counseling Services

Provides assistance for admissions, placement testing, academic advising, academic counseling, review of satisfactory academic progress, and program of study.

Phone: (910) 938-6394

Email: admissions@coastalcarolina.edu

Coordinator for Disability Support Services

Provides assistance in establishing and maintaining disability support services and advising.

Phone: (910) 938-6331

Email: adasupport@coastalcarolina.edu

Financial Aid

Provides assistance to students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process, scholarships, and Federal Work-Study employment opportunities.

Phone: (910) 938-6742

Email: finaid@coastalcarolina.edu

Human Services

Provides assistance to students seeking Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding or career placement services.

Phone: (910) 938-6309

Email: humanservices@coastalcarolina.edu

Payment Options

Pay tuition or make inquiries regarding your billing statements.

Phone: (910) 938-6342

Email: studentpayments@coastalcarolina.edu

Registrar

Provides assistance for transcript request and processing, general residency questions, graduation applications, student records, and transcript evaluations.

Phone: (910) 938-6860

Email: registrar@coastalcarolina.edu

Success Coaches

Provides assistance with campus resources, tutoring, and study skills by using methods that help students reach their academic goals and graduate or complete their programs on time.

Phone: (910) 938-6828

Email: studentsuccess@coastalcarolina.edu

Veterans Programs

Provides assistance to military-connected students with veteran's entitlement benefit questions, benefit application assistance, program certification, and information regarding community resources.

Phone: (910) 938-6316

Email: veterans@coastalcarolina.edu

Section 1:

Applying to the Surgical Technology Program

General Program Information

Accreditation

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

Coastal Carolina Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees. Coastal Carolina Community College may also offer credentials such as diplomas and certificates at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Coastal Carolina Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

Surgical Technology

The Coastal Carolina Community College Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP – www.caahep.org).

CAAHEP
9355 - 113th St. N, #7709
Seminole, FL 33775

Things You Should Know Before You Apply

Upon acceptance into Coastal Carolina Community College's Surgical Technology program, you will be required to:

- Adhere to all aspects of clinical agency minimum age requirements. Students must be at least 18 years of age prior to starting clinical rotations to meet the minimum age requirement of all clinical agencies.
- Have a physical exam and complete a Student Medical Form documenting a level of physical and emotional health consistent with the ability to practice in an entry-level surgical setting.
- Complete an eye exam with an optometrist/ophthalmologist.
- Document that you have had several required immunizations specified on the Student Health Form. Completion of a COVID-19 vaccination series may be required by the clinical agencies for participation.
- Be screened on admission and annually for tuberculosis.
- Obtain and maintain current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers (often referred to as BLS or CPR).
- Travel at your own expense to clinical locations when necessary in order to complete clinical requirements of the program.

According to the clinical site affiliation agreements, students will be required to undergo random drug testing and/or criminal records checks. These are needed to obtain access to the clinical sites. The results are provided to our affiliated clinical agencies. They do not affect admission decisions, but it is possible that the results may prevent the applicant from participating in the clinical rotations and from continuing in the program. These costs for the random drug tests and/or criminal records checks are at the student's own expense.

Off-campus training sites for the Surgical Technology program include, but are not limited to: Carteret Health Care in Morehead City, NC; Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center and Wilmington Health Surgery Center in Wilmington, NC; Onslow Memorial Hospital and SurgiCare in Jacksonville, NC; Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; and CarolinaEast Health System in New Bern, NC. Students are responsible for transportation to clinical sites.

Students are required to comply with hospital and program policies regarding professional attire. Students in the Surgical Technology program must not wear any visible body piercing ornaments, other jewelry, or artificial nails in laboratory or clinical rotation assignments.

Prospective applicants should consider the risk associated with the potential adverse effects of anesthetic gases and radiation on an unborn child. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides information about anesthetic gases and ways to reduce exposure for a healthier pregnancy at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/reproductive-health/prevention/anesthetic-gases.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/radiation-emergencies/hcp/clinical-guidance/pregnancy.html>.

Students must provide a statement from their physician addressing current medical status in the event of health problems or pregnancy. If hospitalization or prolonged absences are necessary, the student will submit a statement from their physician declaring suitability to return to learning activities. Students must complete the required educational hours in order to take the examination administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting; therefore, pregnant students who would like to request accommodations must contact the Coordinator for Disability Support Services. Students will be required to submit current documentation to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine their eligibility prior to any implementation of accommodation services.

Communicable Disease Statement

Students enrolled in Nursing and Allied Health programs are at risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens and body fluids, and the potential exists for transmission of infectious diseases (e.g., HIV, Hepatitis, etcetera). Discrimination against patients with HIV and other infectious diseases is prohibited; therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned. Refusal to treat any patient may affect the student's academic success.

The complete Communicable Disease Policy is available in the *College Catalog*.

Students enrolled in any Nursing and Allied Health program who test positive for HIV or Hepatitis prior to or at any point during their enrollment in the program must submit a written notification to:

Chief, Communicable Disease Control Branch
1902 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1902

Students who enter any Nursing and Allied Health program will be required to read and sign a Communicable Disease Statement acknowledgement form. This form becomes part of the student's departmental record and attests that the student:

- Has been informed of their risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens and body fluids;
- Understands the potential for transmission of infectious diseases;
- Agrees to provide care for all patients assigned to them;
- Understands that refusal to treat any patient may affect their academic success;
- Has been informed of the complete Communicable Disease Policy; and
- Must comply with all related guidelines and procedures.

The student and a witness must sign the Communicable Disease Statement acknowledgment form.

Important Dates

Application Period	October 1, 2025 – January 23, 2026
Deadline to Submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) exam scores• Employment Verification Form• Transcripts for completion of related coursework for points	January 23, 2026
Points Verification Letters Mailed	February 13, 2026
Decision Letters Mailed	March 6, 2026
Late Consideration	March 9, 2026 – August 7, 2026

Surgical Technology Program Requirements for Eligibility – Level 1

There are no prerequisite courses that must be completed or a mandatory information session that must be attended in order to apply for the Surgical Technology program. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the following eligibility requirements (Level 1) are met before completing an Eligibility Application with any Academic Advisor/Counselor in Student Services (Level 2):

1. Complete the Residency Determination application. The application is available online at www.coastalcarolina.edu.
2. Submit an application to Coastal Carolina Community College. The application is available online at www.coastalcarolina.edu/admissions.
3. Submit all official transcript(s) to the Admissions Office. Official transcripts include:
 - High school (or high school equivalency)
 - All colleges or schools attended after high school
 - CLEP (College Level Examination) scores
 - AP (Advanced Placement) scores
4. Meet minimum college-approved placement requirements in both English **and** mathematics by meeting one, or a combination, of the following:
 - i. An associate degree or higher from an accredited institution; or
 - ii. Graduated from any United States high school within the last 10 years from the start of the program with an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher; or
 - iii. Completed a college-approved placement test and meet the minimum scores listed in Table 1 (Test scores must be earned on or after August 1, 2023); or

Table 1: College Approved Placement Test Scoring

NROC/EdReady		SAT		ACT		Next-Generation Accuplacer	
English	70 (Tier 2)	Reading/ Writing	480	English or Reading	18 or 22	Next Gen. Writing or Reading	250
Math	70 (Tier 2)	Math	530	Math	22	Next Gen. Arithmetic	260
						Next Gen. Quantitative Reasoning	260

- iv. Completed (with a minimum of the grade indicated) or enrolled in one of the following English and mathematics courses:
 - a. English courses:
 - BSP 4002 (P2)
 - ENG 002 (P2)
 - ENG 011 (P)
 - AND**
 - b. Mathematics courses:
 - BSP 4003 (P2)
 - MAT 003 (P2)
 - MAT 025 (C)
 - MAT 035 (C)

Note: Applicants who are unsure whether or not they meet either the English or the mathematics standards should meet with an Academic Advisor/Counselor. Applicants taking a placement test at a location other than Coastal Carolina Community College must submit official test scores prior to meeting with an Academic Advisor/Counselor to complete an Eligibility Application.

5. Complete the HESI exam and earn at minimum the following scores:

Subject Area	Minimum Score	Minimum Average Score
Reading Comprehension	70%	75%
Grammar	70%	
Vocabulary	70%	
Mathematics	70%	

- Applicants must request the payment link from an Academic Advisor/Counselor.
- If an applicant chooses to take the test at a site other than Coastal Carolina Community College, the official scores must be sent from HESI and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period. See the *Health Education Systems Incorporated Exam Details* page for additional information.

Surgical Technology Program Requirements for Eligibility – Level 2

6. Individuals who have met Level 1 eligibility requirements will meet with any Academic Advisor/Counselor in the Student Center on Coastal's main campus to complete an Eligibility Application. Please arrive no later than 30 minutes before closing.
- Verification of points is completed **after** the application period has ended. Academic Advisors/Counselors will not be verifying points when meeting with the applicant to complete the Eligibility Application.
 - Applicants who are unable to come to campus to complete a Nursing/Surgical Technology Eligibility Application must contact the Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for the ST program at alliedhealthadmissions@coastalcarolina.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period.
7. Submit documentation to earn additional points (see deadlines listed on *Important Dates* page).
- Any documentation for additional points that is received after the given deadline, regardless of the date postmarked, will not be considered.
8. Ensure updated transcripts for courses completed in the Fall 2025 semester (if applicable) are on file at Coastal Carolina Community College no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period.

Health Education Systems Incorporated Exam Details

Content

- Students will be tested in the following areas: reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and mathematics.

Availability

- The HESI exam may take up to four hours to complete. The exam is available Monday – Thursday (8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) or Friday (8:00 a.m.) on Coastal’s main campus. Available appointment times are viewable two weeks in advance. The testing schedule is subject to change. Please know, payment must be completed prior to scheduling the testing appointment.

Registration and Payment

- Applicants must obtain the payment link from an Academic Advisor/Counselor.
- Applicants must register and pay online for the HESI exam ahead of time by setting up an Evolve/Elsevier account. The estimated cost of the exam is \$55 but it is subject to change. A study guide is available for purchase in the College Store.
- Payment must be completed prior to scheduling the testing appointment.

Schedule an Appointment – Seated

- Applicants must schedule an appointment with the Testing and Placement Center through the Admissions page on Coastal’s website (click on the Placement Testing tile).
- If an applicant must cancel the appointment, they must notify the Testing and Placement Center at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so may result in applicants being unable to make another appointment.
- Due to limited testing space, if an applicant misses or cancels two appointments, they will not be able to reschedule for two weeks after the last missed or cancelled appointment.

Scores

- Official scores may be viewed through the applicant’s Evolve/Elsevier account.
- If an applicant decides to test a second time, they must pay the exam fee again (through a payment link obtained from an Academic Advisor/Counselor).
- Applicants may take the HESI twice in an eligibility period (September 1 – August 31) at Coastal.
- HESI scores must be completed within three years prior to entering the program to be valid for the application process (on or after August 1, 2023).

Off-Site Testing

- It is the applicant’s responsibility to locate an alternate testing site. Coastal does not have a testing ID to provide to other sites.
- If a student tests at another site, they must request an official transcript to be sent directly to Coastal (through the HESI website) for an additional fee.

Remote/Virtual Testing

- Remote/virtual testing is available through ProctorU. The estimated cost of the exam is \$75 but is subject to change. Please see an Academic Advisor/Counselor for more information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

- Applicants must have an approved accommodation on file with the college to receive ADA accommodations for the HESI. Prior to any implementation of accommodation services, applicants must contact the Coordinator for Disability Support Services at (910) 938-6331 or adasupport@coastalcarolina.edu within a reasonable timeframe to determine eligibility before purchasing the exam.

Ranking and Selection of Surgical Technology Qualified Applicants

Coastal Carolina Community Colleges has a limited number of spaces available in the Surgical Technology program. Every year, the College receives applications from more qualified candidates than the program can accommodate. In order to be as fair as possible in making admission decisions among so many qualified applicants, Coastal has instituted a point system for ranking applicants.

Applicants will be awarded points for grades received in specific Surgical Technology related courses based on the point system that best fits their profile.

Point Systems

There are two point systems:

- **Point System A** – College classes
- **Point System B** – High school classes

Courses taken for points must be completed by the end of the Fall 2025 semester. Points will be awarded for classes completed with a grade of C or higher. Grades of C- will not receive points. Additional points may be awarded for work experience, North Carolina Nursing Assistant (CNA) I or II certification, and completion of ACA 111 College Student Success or ACA 122 College Transfer Success with a grade of A.

Points Verification

The tabulation of points is completed after the January 23, 2026 deadline to submit documentation. Points verification letters will be mailed by February 13, 2026. Eligible applicants will be given a specific time frame to be able to question or request a review of the calculated point total. After that time, point calculations are considered accurate and final and will not be recalculated.

Accepted Students

Up to 16 highest-ranking applicants will be *accepted* into the Surgical Technology program.

- In the event that applicants have the same number of points, the applicant who submitted their Surgical Technology application first will be ranked higher (date and time will be recorded on the form).

Applicants will also receive an Agreement form. This form must be signed, dated, and returned by the deadline indicated in the letter and on the form. Failure to submit this form by the deadline, regardless of the date postmarked, will result in placement at the bottom of the alternate list.

Once an applicant accepts admission for any 2026 Allied Health program at Coastal Carolina Community College, all applications on file for any other 2026 Allied Health programs at Coastal will be cancelled.

An applicant who, for any reason, decides they are unable to enter the 2026 Surgical Technology program must reapply for the 2027 program and meet all admission requirements to be considered for the 2027 program.

Alternates

All remaining students will be placed on the *alternate* list. Should a space become available prior to the start of the program, the next qualified alternate will be notified.

Notification

- The following letters will be mailed to qualified applicants by March 6, 2026:
 - **Acceptance letters** – up to 16 highest-ranking applicants
 - **Alternate letters** – remaining qualified applicants

Late Consideration

- The Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for the Surgical Technology program may continue taking applications for available space after the application period has ended. The post-deadline application period will begin

March 3, 2026. Eligible applicants must meet with an Academic Advisor/Counselor to complete the late consideration Eligibility Application form.

- All applicants applying for late consideration must meet *all* requirements to apply prior to completing the Eligibility Application form.
- Late consideration eligible applicants will be placed on the alternate list in the order in which they apply.

It is every applicant's responsibility to notify the Admissions Office as well as the Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for the Surgical Technology program of any address, phone number, or name changes.

Point System A

Points are awarded for grades received in college-level courses within the Surgical Technology program.

A worksheet for calculating points is included in the appendices of this bulletin.

Grade points will be valued according to Coastal Carolina Community College's grading scale and will be awarded by the letter grade received on the transcript.

Surgical Technology Related Courses	Point Value		
	Grade: A/A- CLEP: 70+ AP Score: 5	Grade: B+/B/B- CLEP: 60-69 AP Score: 4	Grade: C+/C CLEP: 50-59 AP Score: 3
ACA 111 College Student Success OR ACA 122 College Transfer Success	7	5	2
BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology* OR BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I* AND BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II*	15 20	10 15	4 6
BIO 170 Introductory Microbiology* OR BIO 175 General Microbiology* OR BIO 275 Microbiology*	16	11	6
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	7	5	2
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disc.	7	5	2
PSY 150 General Psychology	7	5	2
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	7	5	2
COM 120 Intro to Interpersonal Communication OR COM 231 Public Speaking	7	5	2
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	7	5	2

* Biology classes taken before Fall 2021 are considered ineligible for points purposes for admission into the 2026 Surgical Technology program.

Approved Humanities/Fine Arts Electives for Surgical Technology (choose one)	
ART 111 Art Appreciation	PHI 215 Philosophical Issues
MUS 110 Music Appreciation	PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics

- Applicants are not required to complete these courses prior to beginning the program. However, it is helpful to the applicant's overall ranking to have completed as many of these courses as possible by the end of Fall 2025 for points.
- Applicants may be awarded points for equivalent courses completed at another accredited college. In order for these courses to be considered for points, transcripts must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period.
- Submission of AP/CLEP scores may satisfy the requirement for the course; however, an applicant who submits scores and takes the course may not receive points for both. For applicants with both AP or CLEP scores and a grade for the same course, the higher number of points will be used.

Point System B

- Point System B applies to applicants who:
 - are still enrolled in their senior year of high school **OR**
 - have graduated from high school but have not yet completed all of the college-level related courses for the Surgical Technology curriculum.
- High school course work may be submitted for points only if the course is worth 1 credit and the applicant graduated from high school within three years from the term they will enter the Surgical Technology program (2023 or after).
- If you will have completed all of the related courses by the end of Fall 2025, Point System A must be used for your application.
- Points are awarded for grades received in the following high school for the Surgical Technology application:

Surgical Technology Related Courses	Grade Point Values		
	A**	B**	C
11 th Grade English	8	4	2
12 th Grade English	8	4	2
Biology	15	9	5
Chemistry OR Physics*	15	9	5
Anatomy and Physiology OR Advanced Biology*	15	9	5
Algebra II OR Geometry OR Trigonometry*	8	4	2
Health Science I OR Biomedical Technology I*	8	4	2
Health Science II OR Biomedical Technology II*	8	4	2

* Points will be awarded for **only one** course in each category. For the purposes of North Carolina Common Core Integrated Math courses, the following are equivalents under Point System B: Math I=Algebra I, Math II=Geometry; Math III=Algebra II.

** Honors, AP, and IB designated courses with grades of A or B will receive one additional point in each category.

Additional Points for Point Systems A and B

Surgical Technology applicants may earn additional points for the following:

- A. License and/or Certification
- B. HESI Score

A. License and/or Certification

Applicants may receive points for current license and/or certification in each of the areas listed below. Other licenses and certifications, health care related or otherwise, will not be considered.

License/Certification	Points
Licensed Practical Nurse	4
Paramedic	4
Central Sterile Processing Technician	4
Medical Laboratory Technologist	4
Corpsman/Medic*	2
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) I or II	2
Medical Assistant	2

**Corpsmen may submit a copy of their Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) for work experience points. Primary Occupation Description must specify without close supervision.*

Current license(s)/certificate(s) must be submitted directly to the Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for the Surgical Technology program by emailing alliedhealthadmissions@coastalcarolina.edu from your Coastal email account. This must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period. The Academic Advisor/Counselor will verify submitted documentation for points.

NC Certified Nursing Assistant

If you are a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) listed on the North Carolina Nurse Aide I or the North Carolina Nurse Aide II Registry and have no substantiated disciplinary findings, you may submit documentation for points as shown by visiting one of the following websites: <https://ncnar.ncdhhs.gov>, www.ncbon.org. To be considered, NC Nurse Aide registry documentation must be received by the Academic Advisor/Counselor designated for Surgical Technology no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the application period.

The maximum amount of CNA points to be awarded is 2. Additional points will not be awarded for being on both the NC Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II registries.

B. Health Educational Systems, Inc. (HESI) A2 Exam

Students submitting the HESI exam may receive additional points according to the following table (cumulative scores are not rounded):

Cumulative Percentage Range	Points Awarded
92.5 – 100.0	20
84.5 – 92.4	15
79.5 – 84.4	10
75.0 – 79.4	5

2026 Surgical Technology Quick Reference Check List

- ❑ Completed Coastal Carolina Community College Admissions steps (*new or returning student*)
- ❑ Coastal Carolina Community College has **all** official transcripts on file:
 - High school transcript (*required for all students, regardless of higher education*)
 - All secondary educational institutions (*regardless of completion or transferring of credits*)
 - Updated official transcript once final grades are submitted (*if taking courses during current fall semester at another educational institution*)
- ❑ Completed HESI A² exam and met minimum scores required (*see Health Education Systems Incorporated Exam Details page for more information*)
- ❑ All Level 1 Eligibility requirements met
- ❑ Completed Eligibility Application with an Academic Advisor/Counselor (*for all programs you are interested in*)
- ❑ Submitted license/certification documentation directly to alliedhealthadmissions@coastalcarolina.edu (*if applicable*)

Congratulations! You have completed all of the necessary steps toward applying for the Surgical Technology program. Continue checking your Coastal Carolina Community College email for notifications and refer to the *Important Dates* page for information on when point verification letters and decision letters will be mailed.

Section 2:

Surgical Technology Program Information

Surgical Technology Program Information

- Once a student has been accepted into the Surgical Technology program, all Surgical Technology related courses not previously completed must be taken as listed in the student's catalog of record.
 - If a student who has been accepted into the Surgical Technology program prefers to take one of the approved course substitutions, it will be their responsibility to make the changes on their summer semester schedule.
- Once accepted in the Surgical Technology program, students must meet the following academic standards:
 - Maintain the grade point average of at least 2.0.
 - Maintain grades of C+ (77%) or higher in all Surgical Technology (SUR prefix) courses. For science courses, students must maintain a grade of C (73%) or higher. For all other related courses, students must maintain a grade of C- (70%) or higher. Students will be disenrolled if requirements are not met.

Readmission/Transfer Procedure

- Any student interested in applying for readmission or transfer must contact the Department Head/Instructor, Surgical Technology to discuss educational goals and plans for readmission/transfer.
- The student must hold at least a 2.0 GPA to be considered for readmission into the program. The full readmission policy may be found in the current *Surgical Technology Student Handbook*.
- You may not be considered for regular admission into a program in which you are currently enrolled but must follow the readmission policy.

Related Surgical Technology Career Opportunities

- Central Service Manager
- Educator, Surgical Technology
- Materials Manager
- Medical Salesperson
- Organ and Tissue Procurement Technician
- Research Assistant

Surgical Technology Outcomes

In the process of successfully completing this program of study, the student will:

1. Demonstrate entry-level surgical technology skills in the operating room environment with regards to cognitive, psychomotor, and affective responsibilities.
2. Develop skills in basic circulating, encompassing the care and preparation of patients for surgery.
3. Use knowledge and skills in care, sterilization, and preparation of equipment and supplies used in an operating room.
4. Demonstrate appropriate analysis of patient's and operating room team's needs, and utilize appropriate problem-solving techniques to meet those needs.
5. Identify the types and the procedures for administering anesthetics and their complications.
6. Apply the principles of aseptic technique in the clinical area.
7. Utilize knowledge of human anatomy and physiology and operating room terminology.
8. Identify the various surgical instruments and know their uses, and with that knowledge be able to assemble, in an actual situation, the proper instruments, sutures, drapes, etc., required for various surgical procedures.
9. Function as a team member within the parameters of established group dynamics and display appropriate professional behavior in interpersonal relationships.
10. Communicate effectively, verbally and in writing, with patients, families, and other health care personnel.

Surgical Technology Curriculum Description (A45740)

The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the care of the surgical patient in the operating room and to function as a member of the surgical team.

Students will apply theoretical knowledge to the care of patients undergoing surgery and develop skills necessary to prepare supplies, equipment, and instruments; maintain aseptic conditions; prepare patients for surgery; and assist surgeons during operations.

Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units/facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units.

Students of Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited programs are required to take the national certification exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) within a four-week period prior to or after graduation.

Coastal Carolina Community College offers an Associate in Applied Science Degree. This has been identified as a limited enrollment program and may involve certain deadlines. See an Academic Advisor/Counselor for additional information. The appropriate coursework is listed below.

			Hours Per Week			
			Class	Lab	Clinic	Credit
FALL SEMESTER						
ACA	111	College Student Success <i>or</i>	1	0	0	1
ACA	122	College Transfer Success	(0)	(2)	(0)	(1)
BIO	163*	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4	2	0	5
SUR	110	Intro to Surgical Technology	3	0	0	3
SUR	111	Perioperative Patient Care	5	6	0	7
			13	8	0	16
SPRING SEMESTER						
BIO	170*	Introductory Microbiology	3	3	0	4
SUR	122	Surgical Procedures I	5	3	0	6
SUR	123	SUR Clinical Practice I	0	0	21	7
			8	6	21	17
SUMMER SEMESTER						
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
SUR	134	Surgical Procedures II	5	0	0	5
SUR	135	SUR Clinical Practice II	0	0	12	4
			8	0	12	12
FALL SEMESTER						
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disc	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SUR	211	Advanced Theoretical Concepts	2	0	0	2
SUR	212	SUR Clinical Supplement	0	0	12	4
			8	0	12	12
SPRING SEMESTER						
CIS	110	Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
COM	120	Intro to Interpersonal Communication <i>or</i>	3	0	0	3
COM	231	Public Speaking	(3)	(0)	(0)	(3)
SUR	137	Professional Success Prep	1	0	0	1
SUR	210	Adv SUR Clinical Practice	0	0	6	2
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective**	3	0	0	3
			9	2	6	12
Total Semester Hours:						69

*Approved Course Substitutions	
Required Course	Course Substitution
BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology	BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I <i>and</i> BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 170 Introductory Microbiology	BIO 175 General Microbiology <i>or</i> BIO 275 Microbiology

** See the current *College Catalog* (www.coastalcarolina.edu, Academics) for a list of approved Humanities/Fine Arts electives.

Tuition, Fees, and Other Expenses

Tuition and fees (In-State, full-time rate)	\$5,403
Textbooks	\$1,887
Uniforms/shoes/instruments/ eye protection/patches/locker	\$500
Clinical platform fees	\$150
Insurance	\$32
Professional dues	\$45
Health forms	\$455
Immunizations	\$1,010
CST Self-Assessment Exam	\$190
Other (clinical travel, etc.)	\$500
Pins	\$50
Clinical compliance fees	\$128
Approximate Total	\$10,350

*Costs listed above are estimates and subject to change. The In-State tuition rate is based on \$76 per credit hour plus applicable fees. Tuition rates are determined by the North Carolina General Assembly and are subject to change at their discretion. For additional information regarding the total cost of attending Coastal Carolina Community College, please see Financial Aid staff regarding the College Financial Plan. **All costs are subject to change.***

- Candidates who are admitted to the Surgical Technology program need to be aware of the importance of regular class attendance in order to be successful in their classes. It is vital to have child care arrangements worked out in advance in case of children's illnesses, teacher work days, etc. If excess absences are accumulated, then the student will be disenrolled from the program in accordance with the attendance guidelines in the *College Catalog*.
- Candidates are strongly advised to limit the number of hours they are employed in order to maximize their potential for academic success in the Surgical Technology program.
- Candidates who are admitted to the Surgical Technology program will need to have a REAL ID to participate in clinical rotations aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Financial Aid Information

Federal Aid Sources

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Apply online as soon as possible at www.studentaid.gov. Awards are made until funds are depleted.
 - You will need several documents to complete the FAFSA online.
 - 2024 federal tax returns
 - 2024 W-2s
- Financial Aid staff are available to students Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students may contact the Financial Aid Office at (910) 938-6742 or finaid@coastalcarolina.edu, or visit them in the Student Center building.

State Aid Sources

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
 - The Human Services Office can provide assistance with applying for the WIOA scholarship. They are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Students may contact the Human Services Office at (910) 938-6258 or humanservices@coastalcarolina.edu.
- State scholarships may be able to provide assistance with childcare, transportation, tools/equipment, and uniforms. In order to meet eligibility requirements, students must complete a FAFSA.
- Qualifying North Carolina residents may learn more about eligibility requirements for state grants and/or additional scholarship opportunities at www.CFNC.org.

College Aid Sources

- Coastal's College Foundation Scholarships
 - Scholarships are available from the College Foundation Office to Coastal students who qualify.
 - For a complete listing of College Foundation scholarships, please visit the College Foundation Office in the James Leroy Henderson, Jr. Administration Building or contact them at (910) 938-6792 or foundation@coastalcarolina.edu.
 - In order to meet eligibility requirements, students must complete a FAFSA.

MyCAA

- My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program
 - Tuition assistance may be available to eligible military spouses. Scholarships help military spouses pursue licenses, certificates, certifications, or associate degrees necessary to gain employment.
 - Please visit www.coastalcarolina.edu/military/military-family-students for more details.

Surgical Technology Technical Standards

Purpose Statement: Technical Standards are provided to students to identify a specific list of the non-academic abilities and characteristics established by a program as requirements for admission, promotion, and graduation. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 defines a qualified individual as one who meets the academic and technical standards requisites for admission or participation in an education program.

All students in Surgical Technology are expected to meet certain essential functions/technical standards which are essential for successful completion of all phases of the program and reflect industry requirements and standards. To verify a student's ability to perform these essential functions, a student ***may be required to demonstrate*** the following technical standards in the table below. Meeting these standards does not guarantee employment in this field upon graduation. The ability to meet the program's technical standards also does not guarantee a student's eligibility for any certification exams or successful completion of the program.

	Standard	Definition of Standard	Example(s) of Technical Standard
1	Critical Thinking/ Problem-Solving Skills	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations; develop care plans. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to sequence information, events, and activities accurately.
2	Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to navigate personal conflicts. Ability to accept responsibility and correction in a professional nature.
3	Coping Skills	Coping ability is sufficient to manage stressful situations.	Demonstrate a calm demeanor in difficult situations. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to refrain from reacting or responding inappropriately to ethical challenges. Ability to maintain emotional composure and perform despite the difficulty of a situation.
4	Behavioral/ Emotional Skills	Possess emotional stability, rational thought, and self-control.	Remain professional, calm, and exercise restraint in changing environments. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to be non-reactive in response to provocative situations and personalities. Ability to assume responsibility/accountability for one's own actions without becoming defensive. Ability to assess a situation rationally and respond accordingly. Ability to prevent one's personal opinions or beliefs from impacting one's patient or personal performance.
5	Communication Skills	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, and document and interpret actions and patient/client responses. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to enunciate clearly. Ability to comprehend directives. Ability to transcribe correspondence.

	Standard	Definition of Standard	Example(s) of Technical Standard
6	Mobility Skills	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Perform appropriate physical activities in spaces with heightened physical awareness in relation to physical surroundings. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lift up to 50 pounds. • Ability to stand for prolonged periods of time (8-12 hours). • Ability to twist, bend, squat, and stoop.
7	Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.	Calibrate and use equipment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to assemble and handle supplies or instruments. • Ability to demonstrate manual dexterity retrieving requested supplies or instruments and passing them quickly.
8	Auditory Skills	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Listen attentively to ensure the health and safety of the surgical environment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, and auscultatory sounds.
9	Visual Skills	Visual ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Watch attentively to ensure the health and safety of the surgical environment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to distinguish large and small objects near and at a distance. • Ability to detect color and color intensity. • Ability to perceive depth. • Ability to see peripherally.
10	Tactile Skills	Tactile ability to perceive and respond to physical touch.	Respond appropriately to senses of touch necessary for the health and safety of the surgical environment. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to wear PPE appropriate for a surgical environment. • Ability to sense potential nicks from sharp objects.
11	Adaptability Skills	Possess the ability to adapt and tolerate environmental stressors.	Ability to adapt in order to perform required duties in a variety of different environments. Example(s) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to tolerate temperature variations (hot and cold) without physical response. • Ability to demonstrate requisite skill applications in an environment where there will be exposure to biohazardous materials, dangerous chemicals, gases, radiation, latex, etc.

Disability Services Statement: Coastal Carolina Community College is invested in full compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It is the student's responsibility to self-identify, request reasonable accommodation(s), and provide written documentation in a timely manner to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine eligibility, as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, prior to the implementation of any accommodation services. Accommodation(s) are not active until all of the Steps for Requesting Accommodations have been completed. Please visit <https://www.coastalcarolina.edu/services-and-support/disability-services/> or call (910) 938-6331 for further information about the Steps for Requesting Accommodations.

Surgical Technology Applicant Points Worksheet – Point System A

(To be used by applicant to track course completion and points earned)

College Coursework (Point System A)		
Related Courses or Equivalent	Grade	Points
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry		
ACA 111 College Student Success OR ACA 122 College Transfer Success		
BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology* OR BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I* AND BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II*		
BIO 170 Introductory Microbiology* OR BIO 175 General Microbiology* OR BIO 275 Microbiology*		
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry		
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disc.		
PSY 150 General Psychology		
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers		
COM 120 Intro to Interpersonal Communication OR COM 231 Public Speaking		
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective		

* Biology classes taken before Fall 2021 are considered ineligible for points purposes for admission into the 2026 Surgical Technology program.

** BIO 168 and BIO 169 grade point value will be averaged in place of the BIO 163 grade points.

Total points for related coursework: _____

Additional Points

- License/Certification _____
- HESI Score (_____) _____

Total Points _____

Surgical Technology Applicant Points Worksheet – Point System B

(To be used by applicant to track course completion and points earned)

High School Coursework (Point System B)			
Surgical Technology Related Courses or Equivalent	Grade	+ 1 Point Honors, AP, or IB (A or B)	Points
11 th Grade English			
12 th Grade English			
Biology			
Chemistry OR Physics*			
Anatomy and Physiology OR Advanced Biology*			
Algebra II OR Geometry OR Trigonometry*			
Health Science I OR Biomedical Technology I*			
Health Science II OR Biomedical Technology II*			

* Points will be awarded for **only one** course in each category. For the purposes of North Carolina Common Core Integrated Math courses, the following are equivalents under Point System B: Math I=Algebra I, Math II=Geometry, Math III=Algebra II.

Total Points for related coursework: _____

Additional Points

- License/Certification _____
- HESI Score (_____) _____

Total Points

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding admission to the Surgical Technology program, please visit the Admissions Office in the Student Center building, or contact via phone or email:

Admissions Office
(910) 938-6394
alliedhealthadmissions@coastalcarolina.edu

If you have program-specific questions about the Surgical Technology program, please contact:

Ashley Webber
Department Head/Instructor, Surgical Technology
(910) 938-6273
webbera@coastalcarolina.edu

Transcripts may be mailed or submitted electronically:

Coastal Carolina Community College
Attention: Admissions
444 Western Boulevard
Jacksonville, NC 28546
etranscripts@coastalcarolina.edu

Americans with Disabilities Act Support:

Coordinator for Disability Support Services
(910) 938-6331
adasupport@coastalcarolina.edu

Request for Accommodation Information

Students requesting disability accommodations must self-identify to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services. Students are required to submit current documentation of their disability to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine eligibility prior to any implementation of accommodation services. Students requesting accommodations from the College must have a disability, as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Self-identification and providing documentation can be initiated at any time; however, the student must allow reasonable time for accommodations to be implemented.

Pregnant students who would like to request accommodations must contact the Coordinator for Disability Support Services. Students will be required to submit current documentation to the Coordinator for Disability Support Services in order to determine their eligibility prior to any implementation of accommodation services.

Equal Education Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Coastal Carolina Community College's [Equal Education Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy](#) may be reviewed on the College's Consumer Information webpage.