Temple College currently offers both one-year (full time) Certificate program as well as a two-year Associates Degree in Surgical Technology. The programs provide educational and clinical experiences to develop graduates for employment opportunities. The programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 Phone: (727) 210-2350 and graduates are eligible to take the National Certification Exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 200 Littleton, CO 80120-8031 (303) 694-9262.

The program begins each Summer semester.

**Candidate Testing**
July 1, 2018 – February 14, 2020
**"THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE TESTING CYCLE"**
This is a Closed Program. A maximum of 18 students are conditionally admitted annually.

**General Information Sessions**
Details of the program are presented in information sessions offered the second Monday of each month (except May & December) at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building. No appointment is necessary. *March Information Session will be held on 3rd Monday due to Spring Break.

**Admission Requirements**
Students desiring entrance into the Surgical Technology Program must meet the following:

1. Complete the Temple College admission procedure.
   
   Note: Admission to Temple College does not constitute automatic acceptance into the Surgical Technology Program.

2. Initiate the admission process in the Surgical Technology Department.
   
   - Attend the Surgical Technology information session. Sessions are scheduled monthly at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building. No appointment is necessary.
   
   - Schedule to take the Surgical Technology pre-entrance test (ATI TEAS/Test of Essential Academic Skills.)
     
     o Minimum score of 60% Composite (you must take all sections of the exam) for admission consideration to the Surgical Technology Program.
     
     o Testing Cycle dates-July 1, 2019 – February 14, 2020
     
     o A study guide for the ATI TEAS is available for purchase at the Temple College bookstore or may be reviewed at the Temple College Educational Assistance Center (EAC) located in the Instructional Services Center the EAC is also available for ATI TEAS preparation.

   - Complete Surgical Technology Program Application. Application may be picked up in the Surgical Technology Department after taking the ATI TEAS test.
Application Status
All qualified applicants will be notified by email and postal mail regarding application status. Applications will be deemed ineligible if any of the stated admission requirements are missing or incomplete.

- **Qualified Candidate Accepted:**
  1. The Surgical Technology program can accept 18 students each year.
  2. Applicants are evaluated on: ATI TEAS scores; pre-requisite/corequisite courses completed and interview.
  3. The top students will be offered a conditional seat in the class. We will remove any candidate that does not comply/pass the conditional seating requirements.

Financial Aid
Contact the Financial Aid office at (254) 298-8321 or visit in One College Center on the main Temple College campus. **BE ADVISED** that the summer semester class SRGT 1509 may affect financial aid. It is the student's responsibility to check with their financial aid officer regarding their own personal financial aid and class hours!

Certification
Graduates of the Temple College Accredited Surgical Technology Program are eligible to apply for the National Certification Exam through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). Only graduates from a CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) accredited program are eligible to apply for certification. Information for this process is provided prior to graduation.

Requirements for Graduation
- Complete all courses as required in the curriculum with a grade of “C” or better.
- Complete clinical competencies.
- Successfully pass the Surgical Technology Exit Exam.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Latex Advisory
Health care professionals are at risk for development of latex allergy. Prospective students with documented latex allergies are required to get medical clearance from their primary care physician for participation in the clinical setting.

Blood-borne Pathogens
Health care professionals are at risk for exposure to blood-borne diseases (HIV, HB, Hep C.) Therefore, all students will be required to have up-to-date immunizations to include Hep B Vaccine (3 injections) prior to direct patient care.

History & Physical Exam
Students accepted into the program will be required to submit a complete history & physical including immunization records.

Criminal Background History Checks and Fingerprinting
Criminal background history checks/fingerprinting will be required prior to entrance into the program as well as clinical rotations. Failure to give permission could result in dismissal from the program. It may be necessary to dismiss students from the program if they are barred from the healthcare facility.
Drug Testing

"For cause" drug testing may be required and/or administered at any time by Temple College or any healthcare facility associated with Temple College. Failure to give permission could result in dismissal from the program. It may be necessary to dismiss students from the program if they are barred from the healthcare facility. Additional information is located in the Temple College Catalog and Student Handbook. You will be required to take and pass an 11 panel drug screen prior to being allowed into any clinical facility.

CPR Certification

Provide documentation of successful completion of CPR course designed for health care providers (e.g. Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health Care Providers from the American Heart Association) prior to entrance into the program. (We do not accept Red Cross or online CPR training of any kind/source.)

Student Work Policy

All students activities associated with the curriculum are to be educational in nature. There is no payment to students for work conducted at the clinical facilities. Students are assigned to the clinical facilities for educational purposes only. They are not to be substituted for paid personnel within the institution in the capacity of a surgical technologist. This is clearly understood by all clinical representatives. Occasionally in the last semester, students are provided the opportunity to take total charge of the case, but an employed staff member must be readily available for supervision and direction.

There is no policy in effect for students regarding outside work after school hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Temple College
Surgical Technology Department
Health Science Center (2nd Floor)
2400 South First Street
Temple, Texas 76504

1-254-298-8651
1-800-460-4636 Ext. 8651
www.templejc.edu

Temple College is committed to nondiscrimination practices based upon race, gender, gender identity and expression, disability, age, religion, national origin, genetic information, or veteran status.
Temple College
Surgical Technology Program

Admission Checklist for Consideration for the Surgical Technology Program


2. Attend Surgical Technology Information Session. Sessions are scheduled monthly (except May & December) at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building. No appointment is necessary.
   *March session dates fluctuate due to Spring Break; call the office for March dates

3. Complete the Surgical Technology pre-entrance test ATI TEAS (all sections).
   Testing Dates: 07/01/19 – 02/14/20

   To sign up for the test you need to:
   First: Pay $65.00 at the Cashier’s Office, One College Centre.
   Second: Take the receipt and picture I.D. to the Testing Center
   Optional: An ATI TEAS Study Guide is available for review at the Temple College Education Assistance Center or for purchase at the Temple College bookstore.

   The Temple College Educational Assistance Center is also available for TEAS preparation.

4. Submit a Surgical Technology Program application after taking the ATI TEAS along with any *Official transcripts. This application can be picked up at the Surgical Technology Department, second floor Health Sciences Building, East Campus.

   *If you have college/university credits that may apply toward the Surgical Technology Curriculum, you need to submit official transcripts of all applicable course work to the Surgical Technology Program as well as the Admissions & Records office.

We appreciate your interest in the Temple College Surgical Technology Program.
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS & TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The essential abilities necessary to acquire or demonstrate competence in a discipline as complex as Surgical Technology and needed for successful admission and continuance by candidates for the either AAS or Certificate of Surgical Technology at Temple College, in addition to the standards of behavior and conduct set for within the TC Student Policy, include but are not limited to the following abilities:

Cognitive and critical thinking abilities are sufficient to make clinical judgments and meet laboratory objectives and requirements.
1. Comprehend new knowledge and apply it in the practice setting.
2. Organize, problem-solve, and make decisions.
3. Meet mental competency requirements.
5. Operate a computer after an orientation

Interpersonal abilities are sufficient to interact purposefully and effectively with others.
1. Establish rapport with individuals.
2. Perceive emotions displayed by others.
3. Convey sensitivity, respect, tact, and a mentally healthy attitude in interpersonal relationships.
4. Conscientious, orderly, and emotionally stable to handle the demands of surgeons.

Communication abilities are sufficient to convey thoughts in verbal and written form so that others understand them.
1. Have sufficient English language abilities to understand printed materials; classroom lectures; instructional, medical or other directives; patient questions and/or responses, and must be able to be understood in verbal and written communication.
2. Appropriately use the terminology of the profession in verbal and written communications.
3. Interpret feedback or messages.

Physical mobility is sufficient to fulfill classroom, clinical, and program objectives safely and effectively.
1. Maintain balance in any position and can stand on both legs, move from room to room, and maneuver in small spaces.
2. Flex and/or abduct and adduct all joints freely.
3. Able to achieve certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the professional rescuer level.

Strength (gross motor skills) and endurance are sufficient to safely fulfill clinical laboratory objectives and requirements.
1. Have physical stamina to stand and walk for six hours or more in a clinical setting performing physical task, requiring physical energy without jeopardizing patient, self, or colleague safety.
2. Able to position, lift and transfer patients without injury to patient, self, or others.
3. Able to push or pull heavy objects, such as an occupied hospital bed without injury to patient, self, or others.

Fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination are sufficient to safely fulfill all objectives and requirements.
1. Able to manipulate small objects. EX: Threading a needle.
2. Manipulate objects without extraneous motions, tremors or jerking.
3. Have mental dexterity sufficient to handle instruments quickly.

Auditory ability is sufficient to communicate effectively with others, to monitor and assess patient status, and to fulfill all clinical objectives and requirements.
1. Hear accurately to assess a blood pressure and can accurately count a heart rate.
2. Hear high and low frequency sounds, such as telephones, monitor alarms, emergency signals, weak cries of infants, and weak calls for help.

Visual ability is sufficient to monitor and assess patient status and to fulfill laboratory objectives and requirements.
1. Able to discern the full spectrum of colors and to distinguish color changes.
2. Accurately read numbers and letters in fine print, such as would appear on medication vials, ampoules, syringes, and monitoring equipment in varying levels of lights (daylight to very dim light) from no closer than 12-18 inches. This includes handling very small thread (suture) in dim lighting.
3. Read for long periods of time.
4. Detect changes in the environment.

Tactile ability and sense of smell must be sufficient to assess patients and the environment.
1. Discern tremors or vibrations in various body areas.
2. Palpate and count pulses.
3. Discern physical characteristics through touch, such as texture, temperature, shape, size, location, and others.
4. Smell body and environmental odors, such as infected wounds or burning electrical equipment.

Qualified applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply to the program. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Office of Students with Disabilities if they feel they cannot meet one or more of the essential functions, qualifications and technical standards as listed. Students with disabilities must request reasonable accommodations through the Office of Students with Disabilities at Temple College to be considered, and this must happen before the semester has begun. Students granted reasonable accommodations are still expected to perform all essential functions, qualifications, and technical standards, and the program is not required to provide requested accommodations that would fundamentally alter the essential functions, qualifications or technical standards of the Surgical Technology program and the outlined job description of a Certified Surgical Technologist by the Association of Surgical Technologist (AST).
## Estimated Costs

### Health Science Fee Schedule for SRGT Classes

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*Estimated Yearly Total $10,739.00*

* Tuition and fees are for Surgical Technology courses only. Prerequisite and co-requisite academic courses are **NOT** figured into the tuition fees above.
* Includes National Certification Exam Fee

**Health Care Insurance** — It is strongly recommended to have some form of medical insurance coverage. Medical insurance is available through student coverage at TC for the entire year. Insurance forms are available at One College Centre.

**Travel to Clinicals** - Each student is responsible for transportation to/from clinical sites located in Temple/Killeen/Harker Heights.

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