



**2025 / 2026 Cohort Application and Testing Cycle is  
June 1, 2024 – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by noon!**

## **Program Information and Application Process**

### **About, Accreditation, & Certification**

Thank you for your interest in Temple College’s Associates of Applied Science degree in Surgical Technology. Surgical Technology is a profession that continues to experience growth and demand nationwide. Surgical technologists assist the surgeon and the Operating Room team during invasive procedures and are experts in sterile technique, surgical instrumentation, equipment, and knowledgeable in surgical anatomy, pathology, and procedures.

The program provides the technical and educational experiences that prepare graduates for a career in Surgical Technology and to sit for the national certification examination sponsored by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) under the Accreditation Review Council of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

Additionally, the curriculum meets the national standards for all 50 states in the USA as well as the education, certification, and / or registration laws required in 18 states including: Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

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### **Goals**

The goal of Temple College, the program, faculty, and program advisory committee is to prepare entry-level Surgical Technologists who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domain to enter the profession.

### **Information Sessions**

Details of the program and profession are presented monthly (except January, May, and December) at information sessions that are held every second Monday at 3:00 pm in the Health Science Center. No appointment is necessary and sessions last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. \*March session is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday due to spring break.

### **Application / Testing Cycle**

Temple College’s Surgical Technology program is 17 months in length (4 consecutive semesters) and a new cohort begins each spring semester.

Each cohort has one application and testing cycle per year and conditionally accepts a maximum of 18 students per cohort. If a student is not accepted in one cycle, they must start the application process over the following year to be considered. The program does not waitlist applicants.

## **Application Process**

Students desiring to make application to the Surgical Technology program must follow these steps:

1. Complete the Temple College admission procedure (Note: Admission to Temple College does not constitute automatic acceptance into the Surgical Technology program).
2. Submit official transcripts from ALL colleges attended to Temple College Admission and Records.
3. Attend a Temple College Surgical Technology Information Session (See details on page 1 regarding sessions).
4. Complete Prerequisite courses with a "C" or better. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher in all prerequisite and co-requisite courses in the SRGT program to be eligible. (Note: You maybe enrolled in prerequisite courses during the semester of application, but failure to pass any courses by required grade / date will rule one ineligible).
5. Schedule to take the ATI TEAS Test of Essential Academic Skills at the Temple College testing center or another approved academic testing center. You can only take the test twice in an academic year.
  - a. All sections of the exam MUST be taken.
  - b. Competitive scores are a composite of 60% or higher.
  - c. Window for testing is the same as outlined in the Application Cycle on page 1 and scores must be no older than 12 months by the end of the application cycle.
6. Complete the Surgical Technology program application by the end of cycle date. Applications maybe picked up the Health Science Center or downloaded from the TC SRGT webpage. All sections of the application MUST be completed to be accepted.
  - a. Provide official ATI TEAS scores with the application.
  - b. Applicants are encouraged to provide unofficial transcripts along with application in order to verify courses that maybe in progress.
7. Interviews with the Surgical Technology Program Director and Clinical Coordinator will be offered to the top 24 applicants based on ATI TEAS scores, completion of Pre / Co requisites, and GPA. (Note: A manual dexterity test will be administered during the interview process).

## **Conditional Acceptance**

The top 18 applicants will be offered a conditional seat in the upcoming cohort, with 2 other applicants receiving alternate letters. All communications regarding acceptance will be in the form of an email with official offer letter attached and the applicant MUST respond by the requested date, or they will relinquish their seat.

If conditionally accepted, you will be required to attend orientation (typically held in December) and will receive instruction on completing the following requirements:

1. Completion of all in progress pre-requisites and co-requisites with a "C" or better.
2. Provide a complete History and Physical to the department within the requested time frame, including a TB test, childhood immunizations, and annual influenza vaccine.
3. Submit to criminal background check within the requested time frame. (Note: some clinical sites may perform more extensive background checks and / or fingerprinting to be eligible).
4. Submit to pre-clinical drug testing in the requested time frame. (Note: "for cause" drug testing maybe required and/or administered anytime by a healthcare facility and failure to give permission will result in immediate dismissal from the Temple College Surgical Technology program).
5. CPR Certification by the American Heart Association (Note: American Heart is the only one accepted).

## Additional Information Regarding Application and Acceptance

1. All applicants **MUST** be TSI complete before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> spring semester.
2. All applicants **MUST** be 18 years of age by the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> spring semester.
3. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for courses in the prescribed pathway for an AAS in Surgical Technology and no grade of a “D” or lower will be accepted.
4. Applicants denied twice will be ineligible to apply again to the Surgical Technology program (This includes dismissal).
5. If you have been dismissed or banned from a position (whether you were an employee, volunteer, student, or in any other role) at any health care facility, you may be ineligible from clinical rotations, and disclosure to the Program Director is required to verify eligibility at current clinical affiliate sites.
6. All biology courses (Anatomy & Physiology I and II) must be no older than 5 years from the first semester in the Surgical Technology pathway.

## Transfer and Readmission Policy

1. Students seeking transfer to the Surgical Technology Program at Temple College from another CAAHEP accredited program must meet ALL basic admission requirements as listed above. The Surgical Technology Program will assess courses to ensure equivalency to the AST 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Core Curriculum and verify that they count toward the AAS degree at Temple College. The Surgical Technology Program Director will indicate which courses the student must complete in order to fulfill degree requirements. Transfer students must be in good academic and clinical standing with the transferring program. The college confers degrees to those students who complete all degree requirements according to the Surgical Technology program of study. Acceptance of transfer students from other Surgical Technology programs depends on availability of seats within the Maximum Enrollment Capacity. Transfer students will also have to complete a written exam of foundational knowledge (passing ≥75%) and a lab skills practicum (passing ≥80%) to assess their competence level and placement.
2. Students seeking readmission to the Temple College Surgical Technology program must meet all basic admission requirements as listed **AND** must include a documented plan of action describing how the student intends to be successful and include areas that are directly related to previous programmatic dismissal, failure, or stop-out. Acceptance of readmission students depends on availability of seats within the Maximum Enrollment Capacity and will also have to complete a written exam of foundational knowledge (passing ≥75%) and a lab skills practicum (passing ≥80%) to assess their competence level and placement. (Note: Any student dismissed for behavioral (affective domain) issues **OR** is no longer eligible for clinical placement will **NOT** be eligible for re-entry into the Temple College Surgical Technology program).
3. All Surgical Technology courses (SRGT) be must no older than 2 years from the last semester enrolled at any surgical technology program. This applies to transfers and readmissions.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for qualified Surgical Technology students. Contact the TC Financial Aid office at (254)298-8321 or visit their office in One College Center. Scholarship opportunities are also available at <https://foundation.templejc.edu/scholarships/> to complete an application.

## **Time Commitment**

The Temple College Surgical Technology program is considered a full-time program and requires an on campus / at clinical commitment of Monday through Thursday as early as 6:30 am to as late as 3:00 pm. Along with class, labs, and clinical, students will need to designate time for studies, assignments, and possibly tutoring. Personal commitments and work hours must be prioritized to ensure adequate time is available to be successful.

## **Requirements for Graduation**

In order to graduate from the Temple College Surgical Technology program, students must meet both institutional requirements as well as accreditation requirements that include, but are not limited to:

1. Complete all coursework in the curriculum with a "C" or better with an overall GPA of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Note: passing is  $\geq 75\%$  in all SRGT courses.
2. Successfully complete all clinical competencies and hours.
3. Meet surgical case experiences as outlined by AST 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Core Curriculum: Minimum of 120 cases, with 80 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Scrub Role, spread out between a variety of services. (See Student Handbook and Clinical Syllabi for specifics of case requirements)
4. Pass the capstone Exit Exam of Surgical Technology with a 75 or greater.
5. Challenge the NBSTSA CST exam as a cohort (more information will be given at that time)

## **Certification**

Students will take the national certification exam through NBSTA during finals week of the last semester. Those passing the exam will be conveyed the credential of Certified Surgical Technologist (CST). Certification is required in the state of Texas by legislation to practice surgical technology. More information on this provided prior to graduation.

## **Student Work Policy and Safeguards**

The health and safety of patients/clients, students, faculty, and other participants associated with the educational activities of the students must be adequately safeguarded. Surgical Technology students must be readily identifiable as students. All activities required in the program must be educational and students must not be substituted for staff.

## **Occupational Safety and Hazards**

The career of Surgical Technology is not without occupational safety and hazard concerns and the applicant should be aware the following potential exposures and situations: Latex allergies, ionizing radiation, chemical fumes, musculoskeletal / ergonomics, mental demands, and pathogens.

## **Essential Functions, Qualifications, and 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 in the Surgical Technology Program 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.
4. Compute mathematical problems.
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).***

TEMPLE COLLEGE  
 SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT  
**“Fall 2024-2025 Estimated Costs”**  
**\*Health Science Fee Schedule for**  
**SRGT Classes**

	In-District	Out of District
ATI TEAS Exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills)	\$65.00	\$65.00
<i>Prerequisite Courses Tuition (13 Credit Hours)</i>	\$1,889.00	\$2,864.00

**Spring Semester**

	In-District	Out of District
Tuition & Fees (12 Credit Hours)	\$2,779.00	\$3,754.00
Books	455.00	455.00
Uniforms (Scrubs/Lab Coat/Shoes/Eyewear)	200.00	200.00
*Physical Exam/** Immunizations *Estimated Cost for Non-Insured <b>**Note: Hep B Immunization must be started by November 1st</b>	400.00	400.00
Certified Background Check & 11 Panel Drug Screening	84.00	84.00
CPR Certification for Health Care Providers	65.00	65.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,978.00</b>	<b>\$4,953.00</b>

**Summer Semester**

	In-District	Out-of-District
Tuition & Fees (9 Credit Hours)	\$1,665.00	\$2,340.00
Books	265.00	265.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,930.00</b>	<b>\$2,605.00</b>

**Fall Semester**

	In-District	Out-of-District
Tuition & Fees (13 Credit Hours)	\$2,665.00	\$3,640.00
Books	185.00	185.00
Graduation (Cap & Gown)	65.00	65.00
	\$2,915.00	\$3,890.00

**Spring Semester**

Tuition & Fees (11 Credit Hours)	\$2,525.00	\$3,420.00
Books	265.00	265.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,790.00</b>	<b>\$3,685.00</b>
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$13,567.00</b>	<b>\$18,452.00</b>








Health Care Insurance – It is strongly recommended to have some form of medical insurance coverage.

Travel to Clinicals - Each student is responsible for transportation to/from clinical sites.



# 2023-2024 GUIDED PATHWAY

## Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

PREREQUISITES 	NOTES	SCH	COMPLETED	Definition of Notes
ENGL 1301 - Composition I	!	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Classes must be no older than 5 yrs.
BIOL 2401 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I	 !	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	! Course can be taken before acceptance into the program.
PSYC 2301 - General Psychology	!	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply to the SRGT Program by the 2nd Friday in October for spring start consideration.
HITT 1305 - Medical Terminology	!	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total SCH</b>		<b>13</b>		
<b>FIRST YEAR - SPRING</b>				Written cumulative final exam must be passed with a C and lab practicum with an 80% or better to move into Summer and remain in the ST program.
SRGT 1405 - Intro. to Surgical Technology		4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SRGT 1509 - Fund. Perioperative Concepts		5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BIOL 2402 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II	 !	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total SCH</b>		<b>13</b>		 Come talk to an advisor about your Temple College graduation and your university transfer plans.
<b>FIRST YEAR - SUMMER</b>				<b>Program Description</b>
SRGT 1541 - Surgical Procedures		5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surgical technologists (STs) are allied health professionals, who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients. STs work under the supervision of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive and non-invasive surgical procedures, ensuring that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. STs are experts in the application of asepsis and sterile techniques to combine the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation and tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.
SRGT 1160 - Clinical - Surgical Tech/Technologist		1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Language, Philosophy & Culture/Creative Arts Core		3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total SCH</b>		<b>9</b>		
<b>SECOND YEAR - FALL</b>				Attendance at an information session is mandatory; these are held monthly. Call department for date and time. 254-298-8651.
SRGT 1461 - Clinical II - Surg. Technology/Tech.		4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SRGT 1462 - Clinical III - Surg. Technology/Tech.		4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SRGT 1542 - Surgical Procedures II		5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total SCH</b>		<b>13</b>		A minimum grade of a C is required in all course work with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for graduation from the SRGT program.
<b>SECOND YEAR - SPRING</b>				
SRGT 1244 - Technological Science for the Surg. Tech.		2	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SRGT 2130 - Professional Readiness		1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SRGT 2660 - Clinical IV - Surg. Technology/Tech.		6	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SPCH 1311, 1315, 1318, or 1321	! 	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total SCH</b>		<b>12</b>		
<b>Graduation SCH</b>		<b>60</b>		

### Career Outlook

**Surgical Technologist** - \$51,291\* w/Associate degree + National Certification

\*Based on average wages for Central Texas

### Helpful Links

- [Expenses and Scholarships](#)
- [Financial Aid Info.](#)   [Core Curriculum](#)
- [SRGT Courses](#)   [SRGT Website](#)