SURGICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

ADMISSIONS GUIDE

SURGICAL SERVICES

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Surgical Technologists are an important part of a patient care team working under a surgeon, anesthesiologist or anesthetists, or professional registered nurse during surgical procedures. Your job may take place in hospital operating rooms, delivery rooms, ambulatory centers, and physician offices where you help maintain a safe, clean operating environment.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)

Term	Applications Accepted	Application Review	Student Notified by Email: xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu
Spring: January	July 1 - September 15	September 16 - October 31	November 1

☐ **New** students must complete the St. Petersburg College Admission Application and pay the non-refundable fee. **Returning** students must complete the online Readmission steps in MySPC if you have not enrolled in the previous six semesters. Admissions and Readmissions

A secondary Health Program Application is required for limited access Health Programs (link below)

☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school or GED transcripts indicating completion of standard high school diploma or equivalency. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened.
Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution are waived from this requirement. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** Submitting Official Transcripts

☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) transcripts from all regionally accredited college(s) and/or universities currently or previously attended. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** Submitting Official Transcripts

☐ Students must demonstrate they are at college level in Writing, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores or through appropriate course completion.

☐ Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale in all postsecondary coursework. Your Academic Standing may have an impact on your admission, enrollment, and financial aid eligibility. See the SPC Academic Standing Policy for details. Academic Standing Policy

☐ Completion of at least 16 credit hours from the A.S. Surgical Services program with a grade of "C" or better, including:
- **BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Lab**
- **BSC 2086 and BSC 2086L Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 and Lab**
- **HSC 1531 Medical Terminology**
- **ENC 1101 Composition 1**
- 3 credits from the State approved General Education **Math core** coursework
- **Computer/Information Literacy**

St. Petersburg College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment.
For additional information visit www.spcollege.edu/eaeo

☐ Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale in all Surgical Services program pre-entry, general education and support courses completed at the time of application.

☐ I have reviewed the Technical Standards (Essential Functions) of my selected health program. I agree that I can meet the Technical Standards with or without accommodation(s). If you feel that you cannot meet these requirements due to a disability, please contact the Health Education Center Accessibility Services office to set up a confidential consultation at (727) 341-4141 or visit www.spcollege.edu/accessibility.

☐ VECHS/FDLE Authorization forms: Applicants will be required to print, hand sign, scan (either by scanner or mobile PDF app, and upload two signature pages in the application. Please prepare in advance. VECHS / FDLE forms If admitted, further details on completing the background, drug testing and fingerprint screening process will be sent in the offer of admission email.

☐ Health Programs Application: https://web.spcollege.edu/hec/application/apply

Admission notifications will be sent through SPC student email (xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu)
If you are not sure how to access your SPC student email, please visit How do I Access My SPC Email

Program Information and Schedule

- The A.S. Surgical Services degree will prepare students for the National Licensing Certifying Examination for Surgical Technologists to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).
- 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.
- Clinical facilities may prohibit students who do not have an assigned social security number from participating in clinical experiences which are a mandatory component of the curriculum.
  If other placement options are not available, the student would need to withdraw from that semester and would not be able to progress in the program. These factors must be taken into consideration prior to pursuing admission to the program.
- One cohort is available each year: Spring
- Students attend classes 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. three to four days per week.
  Attendance is mandatory for all courses and labs.

Selection Criteria, Selection Process and Admissions

- **All application requirements must be satisfied by the closing of the application window.**
- 12 students admitted.
- Up to three (3) seats may be given to individuals employed by our community partner, BayCare.
- When the number of eligible applicants exceeds program availability, selective criteria are used to determine which applicants are admitted.
  This criterion is based on a point system using the pre-entry GPA and completion of pre-entry, general education, and support coursework. Students will be considered using a point system based on health program GPA, and the number of general education and support coursework credits completed.
- **25 points** may be awarded based on the number of health program pre-entry, general education and support coursework credits completed.
- **40 points** may be awarded based on the health program GPA earned from pre-entry coursework, excluding Computer/Information Literacy.

  If you are admitted, you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements to maintain eligible status.
  - Complete the Notice of Intent survey by the date indicated in the admission email.
  - Successfully pass a background check and drug screening by the date indicated in the admission email.
  - Complete the Health Education Program orientation on the date indicated in the admission email.
  - Complete any required immunizations.

  Health, Drug Screening and Background Check requirements are mandated by the clinical affiliate sites. Failure to comply with the Clinical Requirements may result in removal from the clinical courses and removal from the Surgical Services program.

If you are not admitted, please discuss admissions requirements with an Academic Advisor and consider reapplying during a future application cycle.

Estimated Cost

Tuition*¹	Drug and Background Check	Immunizations**	Uniforms, Special Equipment, Lab Fees & Other Costs	Textbooks	State Exam & License Fees	Total
$7,152.00	$180.00	$300.00	$442.00	$1040.00	$247.00	$9,361.00

*   Tuition is estimated using the Florida residency rate of $111.75/credit hour. Non-resident rate is $386.90/credit hour.
¹   Tuition is for core coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.
** These are high estimates; actual costs will vary depending on health insurance coverage.

Civic Literacy

Students entering an A.S. Degree program in the 2022-2023 academic school year and thereafter must demonstrate competency through successful completion of one of the following Civic Literacy courses and assessment exam prior to program completion.

POS 2041 American National Government   3 credits
AMH 2020 History of the United States II   3 credits
AMH 2010 History of the United States II   3 credits (completed Fall 2024 or after)
AND by achieving a 60% passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE)

The following are alternatives to the Civic Literacy course and Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE).
AP Government and Politics: United States   Score: 3
AP United States History   Score: 4
CLEP: American Government   Score: 50
CLEP: History of the United States 1   Score: 50

Accessibility Services

St. Petersburg College is committed to providing quality education and services to all students by ensuring that admission, academic programs, support services, student activities, and campus facilities are accessible to and usable by qualified students with disabilities. Each specific health program has its own technical standards which all students must meet with or without accommodation(s). To help students achieve success, Accessibility Services works with students, faculty, and staff to coordinate the provision of reasonable accommodations. To put your accommodations in place, please contact the Health Education Center Accessibility Services at (727) 341-4141 or visit http//www.spcollege.edu/accessibility

PRE-ENTRY GENERAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT COURSES (16 credits)	CREDIT POINTS
A grade of "C" or higher is required. (Some may **not** be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) Admission GPA calculated from 16 credits; computer/information literacy competency excluded.	
BSC 2085 HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 1 (May **not** be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	3
BSC 2085L HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 1 LAB (May **not** be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	1
BSC 2086 HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 2 (May **not** be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	3
BSC 2086L HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 2 LAB (May **not** be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	1
HSC 1531 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY (May **not** be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	2
COMPOSITION 1 (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) 3 credits from the approved General Education COMPOSITION coursework ENC 1101 – Composition 1 or ENC 1101H (Honors)	3
MATHEMATICS (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) 3 credits from the approved General Education MATHEMATICS – CORE	3
COMPUTER/INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETENCY (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) Competency may be demonstrated by completing the Computer Information and Literacy Exam OR by successful completion of one of the approved Computer/Information Literacy Competency courses. No minimum credits required.	

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES A grade of "C" or higher is required.	
(May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)	
HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS 3 credits from the approved General Education HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS – CORE *Recommended: a CORE Humanities that meets the Enhanced World View* *See **Enhanced World View** below**	3
PHI 1600 or PHI 1600H (Honors) **APPLIED ETHICS** 3 credits from the approved General Education ETHICS coursework	3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 3 credits from the approved General Education SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – CORE *Recommended: a CORE Social and Behavioral Science that meets the Civic Literacy requirement*	3

*ENHANCED WORLD VIEW:
  Complete at least one 3-credit course intended to enhance the student's world view considering an increasingly globalized economy.
  This course may also be used to satisfy another General Education Requirement (Humanities and Fine Arts)	

Health Program GPA Calculator Click Here **GPA multiplied by 10 = GPA points for example, 4.0 X 10 = 40 GPA points**	

To view approved General Education courses, please refer to A.S. General Education requirements

MAXIMUM POINTS = 25 CREDIT POINTS **+ 40** GPA POINTS = **65 TOTAL POINTS**

Transfer courses for which there is no direct SPC equivalent will be posted as elective credit and designated with a '999' course number. If you believe a course posted as an elective should satisfy a degree requirement, you may submit a request for **Alternate Satisfaction**.
To initiate the alternate satisfaction request/review process, please complete the **Alternative Satisfaction Survey**.
https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215