Aiken Technical College
Associate Degree in Surgical Technology
Information and Application for Fall 2023

APPLICATION DUE: <mark>May 26, 2023</mark> for Fall 2023

<mark>You must have electronic copies of all required documents
to attach and submit with the application!</mark>

Program Description:

The Associate in Applied Science with a Major in Surgical Technology will provide students with the surgical technology skills needed for employment in medical facilities. Upon successful completion, the student will be eligible to take the national certification exam administered through The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

General Information:

- Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Applicants must have completed ENG 160 (or ENG 101 & SPC 205), MAT 101, BIO 101, BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, AHS 102, SUR 123, SUR 125, SUR 126 and PSY 105 (or PSY 201) with a grade of "C" or better. Only the first or second attempted grades of the prerequisite courses taken within the last 10 years will be considered. The grade of a "W" or "WF" will count as an attempt. Please refer to the program display.
- To apply to the Surgical Technology program, the student is required to have completed ENG 160, PSY 105, MAT 101, AHS 102, BIO 210, & BIO 225 (or acceptable substitutions for ENG 160, PSY 105, MAT 101), with a grade of "C" or better. The remaining courses can be in process when application is submitted. All courses <u>MUST</u> be completed prior to starting the program (Prior to the 1st day of class in the fall).
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 **(considering all academic course work, including prerequisites, within the last 10 years).** Cumulative GPA will be calculated by ATC personnel upon receipt of application in accordance with the Health Sciences Division guidelines for GPA calculation.
- Credit is awarded for eligible Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, with valid proof of successfully passing the related AP exam. Credit is also awarded for non-ATC exemption exams such as CLEP or DANTES. **No admissions points are awarded for high school AP credit or for successful completion of a CLEP or DANTES examination.**
- To start the Surgical Technology program, the student is required to have completed ENG 160, PSY 105, MAT 101 (or acceptable substitutions for ENG 160, PSY 105, MAT 101), SUR 123, and SUR 125 with a grade of "C" or better. SUR 123 and SUR 125 can be in process when application is submitted.
- Once admitted, students will be required to complete and pass a **criminal background check** and **drug screening**. Depending on the results of the background check and drug screening, a student may not be able to participate in clinicals and will be withdrawn from the program.

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- Once admitted to the program, students must **submit documentation** for each of the following:
  - A physical exam (College form to be provided).
  - 2-step TB skin test or chest X-ray.
  - Hepatitis B vaccine series with antibody titer, or declination statement.
  - Proof of all other current immunizations or titers (Varicella, Tdap- within 10 years, Influenza, MMR).
  - Current CPR certification from the American Heart Association (available at ATC/fee required).
- Once admitted, students are required to have **reliable transportation** for clinical rotations. Clinical sites are assigned and are determined by availability at medical facilities. Students are required to **purchase uniforms** for clinical experiences, have all **supplies** required, and be **physically able** to meet the clinical requirements.
- Once admitted, students must purchase **liability insurance** (cost will be added to tuition and fees).
- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official **TOEFL scores**. A minimum score of 78 on the TOEFL iBT exam is required to be eligible to apply to the program. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are strongly recommended.
- Attach all college transcripts to application.
- After the application date has passed, all applications meeting the minimum requirement are reviewed by the Surgical Technology Admissions Committee. Spaces are allotted to those most qualified as determined by the point system on this application. Students who have all courses completed and meet all requirements will be considered before other applicants.
- Candidates earning equal points are ranked based on their cumulative GPA.
- Clinical rotations are required in Health Sciences and Nursing programs. Clinical sites may request students to follow protocols beyond what is required by Aiken Technical College, including COVID-19 vaccination.

Application Link:

https://na4.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=e35ce9c1-86a2-4732-8d3f-97d0dd5287ee&env=na4&acct=d201cf56-980b-479e-8c9f-a3a99c185b87&v=2

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Surgical Technology Curriculum

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Credit Hours
Prerequisites		
ENG 160 or ENG 101 & SPC 205	Technical Communications English Comp/Public Speaking	3
MAT 101	Beginning Algebra	3
BIO 101	Biological Science I	4
BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO 225	Microbiology	4
PSY 105 or PSY 201	Interpersonal Psychology	3
AHS 102	Medical Terminology	3
SUR 123	Sterile Processing Technology	3
SUR 125	Sterile Processing Practicum	5
SUR 126	Principles of Surgical Pharmacology	1
Major Courses		
SUR 101	Introduction to Surgical Technology	5
SUR 102	Applied Surgical Technology	5
SUR 103	Surgical Procedures I	4
SUR 107	Surgical Specialty Procedures	3
SUR 110	Introduction to Surgical Practicum	5
SUR 120	Surgical Seminar	2
SUR 113	Advanced Surgical Practicum	6
SUR 116	Basic Surgical Procedures	3
	Total Semester Credit	70

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Name: _____   Student ID: _____   Date: _____

Mailing address: _____   City, State, Zip: _____

Email address: _____   Phone number: _____

_____ List below **all** colleges attended (including ATC) and attach copies of transcripts from **all** colleges attended (including ATC). All colleges **MUST** be listed and all transcripts **MUST** be attached.

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_____ These prerequisite courses **(ENG 160 or ENG 101 & SPC 205), MAT 101, BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, AHS 102, and PSY 105 (or PSY 201)** must be completed prior to submission of this application. Grades for these courses must be "C" or better to be considered, and **the courses must have been completed within the last 10 years**.

_____ Cumulative GPA is 2.5 or higher **(considering all academic course work, including prerequisites, within the last 10 years).** Unofficial GPA (calculated by student): _____

_____ Is English your first language?   If no, you **MUST** attach TOEFL scores.

_____ Additional degrees/licenses/certifications are listed and a copy is attached.

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Scoring Matrix

Applicants will receive points based on the following criteria:
Point Values

Courses: First Attempt: A = 7 points; B = 5 points; Second Attempt: A = 3 points; B = 2 points; IP = In Progress

Name: _____   **ID:** _____

Requirement	Semester and Year	Grade	College	Attempt	Point Value	Points Earned
ENG 160					See above	
PSY 105 OR 201					See above	
BIO 101					See above	
BIO 210					See above	
BIO 211					See above	
BIO 225					See above	
MAT 101 or higher					See above	
AHS 102					See above	
SUR 123					See above	
SUR 125					See above	
SUR 126					See above	
Aiken County resident					1	
Completed 12 (or more) hours of college credit at ATC					1	
Associate's Degree					1	
Bachelor's Degree					2	
Master's Degree					3	
Maximum Points = 85					Your total	

Admission to the College does not guarantee acceptance into the Surgical Technology program. Students must reapply for entry into the program if not accepted. Students who have completed all of the above courses will be considered first.

I certify that I have completed this application truthfully to the best of my ability. I have read, understood, typed, completed, and attached all required documents. If I am found to have knowingly falsified information, my application will be disqualified. Also, if my application is incomplete, my application will be disqualified.

Student Signature: _____   **Date:** _____

Application has been reviewed by:
Enrollment Services Signature: _____ Date: _____   GPA: _____