Surgical Technology

Department: Allied Health  
Degree: Diploma  
Entry time: Spring (Cedar Rapids); Fall (Distance Education locations: Indian Hills Community College, Northeast Iowa Community College)  
Length: 1 year (3 semesters)

- **Kibbie Grant:** Students in this program may be eligible to have half their tuition paid for by the Kibbie Grant. Go to www.kirkwood.edu/Kibbie for more details.

- **Award-winning faculty** teach the curriculum and are passionate about sharing their knowledge so students can be successful.

- **Students participate** in nearly every category of surgical specialties.

- **Amazing clinical opportunities** at local and regional medical facilities where students assist actual surgeons and patients.

- **The Surgical Technology lab** simulates an actual operating room with equipment used by surgical teams and helps teach students the phases of surgery.

- **Kirkwood Surgical Technology students** have many employment opportunities in operating rooms and ambulatory surgical centers.

**Program Description**
Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. They work under the supervision of a surgeon to ensure the operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

A surgical technologist possesses expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique. They combine the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation of tools and technologies to facilitate a physician’s performance of invasive, therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

**Career Opportunities**
- Hospital operating rooms
- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Hospital labor and delivery
- Hospital central supply
- Sterile processing
- Teaching

**Sample Classes**
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Microbiology for the Surgical Tech Professionals in Health
- Medical Terminology
- Surgical Technology
- Biomedical Sciences for Surgical Technology
- Pharmacology for the Surgical Technologist

**Surgical Specialties**
- Surgical Technology Practicum
- Surgical Technology Lab

**A.A.S. Option**
An A.A.S. in Surgical Technology is available to students upon completion of additional coursework.

**Surgical Technology A.A.S.**
2 years (4 semesters)

**Accreditation:**
The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (www.arcstsa.org).

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