

Introduction

This document introduces the nonacademic standards, skills, and performance requirements expected of every student in the Surgical Technology program. It is essential for all students entering the program to understand that these requirements are necessary for the satisfactory completion of all aspects of the curriculum and development of professional attributes for graduation. Reading these standards carefully along with a realistic assessment of your own personality interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses will ensure that you choose a program and career path that is a good fit for you.

If you are fascinated with the operating room and surgery, you may be interested in becoming a Surgical Technologist. As a member of the surgical team, the Surgical Technologist prepares supplies, equipment, and instruments for the operation; prepares patients for surgery; maintains aseptic conditions; and assists the surgeon during the operation. The GTCC Surgical Technology program is accredited by the [Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs](#) (link to website) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

Students are expected to demonstrate the following skills fundamental to Surgical Technology practice:

Communication

- Communicate orally and in writing to convey information to a variety of individuals using good language skills and a variety of communication modalities

Motor Coordination

- Manipulate instruments, supplies, and equipment with speed, dexterity, and good hand-eye coordination
- Use gross and fine motor skills to provide safe and effective perioperative care

Mobility

- Possess physical agility sufficient to maneuver in a small operating room.
- Stand, sit, or bend for long periods of time in small restricted spaces

Sensory

- Utilize senses to accurately assess and interpret patient, staff, and environmental needs

Intellectual

- Apply critical thinking strategies to reason and problem-solve
- Organize and prioritize responsibilities

Social

- Demonstrate calm demeanor and effective responses, especially in emergency situations
- Collaborate with other healthcare professionals
- Accept constructive criticism

Professional Behavior

- Maintain academic honesty
- Demonstrate a surgical conscience
- Adhere to the GTCC Surgical Technology Handbook