



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

HOURS / LENGTH

1185 – 9 Months

WHO CAN ENROLL

ADULTS ONLY

FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES VISIT

www.greatplains.edu/adult/enrollment/medical

WHAT DO I LEARN?

- Surgical technologists are members of operating room teams, which most commonly include surgeons, anesthesiologists, and circulating nurses.
- Before an operation, surgical technologists help prepare the operating room by setting up surgical instruments and equipment, sterile drapes, and sterile solutions. They assemble both sterile and nonsterile equipment, as well as check and adjust it to ensure that it is working properly. Technologists also get patients ready for surgery by washing, shaving, and disinfecting incision sites. They transport patients to the operating room, help position them on the operating table, and cover them with sterile surgical drapes. Technologists also observe patients' vital signs, check charts, and help the surgical team put on sterile gowns and gloves.
- During surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons and surgical assistants. They may hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments. Surgical technologists help prepare, care for, and dispose of specimens taken for laboratory analysis and help apply dressings. Some operate sterilizers, lights, or suction machines and help operate diagnostic equipment.
- After an operation, surgical technologists may help transfer patients to the recovery room and clean and restock the operating room.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class begins eachAugust

Meets: Monday – Friday - 8:00 am – 3:15 pm

Clinical Experience 6:30 am to 2:30 pm

Total Cost \$3,357.00

Prices subject to change without notice

This program accepts up to 18 students per year.

JOB PROSPECTS

- According to the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' [2010-11 Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), there were approximately 93,600 surgical technologist jobs in the United States in 2010. Because of the increased number of expected surgeries, the number of jobs in surgical technology is expected to grow 19 percent through 2020.
- The median annual income for Surgical Technologist can be found at: www.okcis.intocareers.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROFESSION VISIT

www.ast.org

SIGNIFICANT POINTS

Surgical Technology: A Growing Career provides information on the role of the surgical technologist in the operating room, describes the growth rate and working conditions, the personal characteristics and education needed, the curriculum a student should expect, the importance of attending an accredited school, and information about certification. For more information visit www.ast.org

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply at:
Great Plains Technology Center
your first step is to call for an appointment with a
Career Counselor at [580.250.5535](tel:580.250.5535)

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

- **All official transcripts;**
✓ High School, Technical, & College
- **Any current health certification cards**