



WEST KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Surgical Technology Program

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A dynamic educational institution, West Kentucky Community and Technical College provides **accessible, innovative and comprehensive learning opportunities** within an environment of excellence and commitment to student success in the global community.



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Careers in Surgical Technology

The **Surgical Technology Program** At West Kentucky Community and Technical College teaches students sterile techniques and effective listening and interpersonal relations with a focus on verbal and nonverbal methods of communicating.



The clinical rotations are coordinated and supervised by instructors who have extensive experience as surgical technologists and nurses.

Graduates are eligible to take the certifying examination of the Association of Surgical Technologists.

Curriculum guides for this program can be found in the Admissions office or on the College's website at allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/.

The duties of the surgical technologist include:

- Preparing the operating room with instruments, equipment, sterile linens, and fluids that will be needed during an operation.
- Preparing patients for surgery or delivery; preparing sterile instruments during surgery and holding retractors, cutting sutures and counting items used during the operation.
- Assisting with circulating duties, and cleaning and maintaining the equipment and environment.

A surgical technologist is a vital member of the surgical team functioning under the direct supervision of the physician or registered nurse in operating rooms, delivery rooms, emergency rooms, and outpatient clinics and offices.

After being admitted to the program, the recommended course sequence takes **three semesters**.

The average, beginning salary for surgical technologists ranges from \$10.50 to \$15.00 per hour.

A diploma in Surgical Technology will be awarded upon successful completion of this program. Courses from this program may also be applied toward completion of an Associate in Applied Science Degree in General Occupational/Technical Studies.



Financial Aid

West Kentucky Community and Technical College participates in a full range of federal and state financial aid programs that include grants, loans and work-study.

For information on any of these programs, contact the

College's Financial Aid Office by phoning 270-534-3248.

The College also awards academic scholarships to first-time freshmen and continuing students. Scholarship information may be obtained in the Anderson Technical Building, room 108 or by phoning 270-554-9200.

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For more information about WKCTC and the Surgical Technology program, visit our website at: allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/

Frequently Asked Questions...

Q. What type of classes are required for this program?

- A. Courses include:
- CPR for Health Care Professionals
 - Computer Fundamentals
 - Workplace Principles
 - Basic Anatomy and Physiology
 - Medical Terminology
 - Microbiology
 - Surgical Technology Fundamentals
 - Principles of Surgical Pharmacology
 - Surgical Technology Advanced Theory
 - Surgical Technology Advanced Clinical

Q. What is the difference between the AAS/ GOTS degree and the Diploma in Surgical Technology?

- A. The primary difference is the number of general education courses. The AAS degree requires 26 credit hours of general education while the diploma requirement is 13 credit hours.

Q. Do employers prefer a surgical technologist with an AAS degree?

- A. Not necessarily. However, the AAS degree may offer a graduate more opportunity for advancement and is definitely recommended if you are planning on pursuing a four-year degree.

Where will YOU go to College?

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