

Surgical Technology

The Program

Surgical technologists assist in invasive surgical procedures and facilitate safe and effective patient care. They shoulder major responsibility in ensuring that operating rooms are safe and that equipment functions properly. In response to the needs of local hospitals, Prairie State College launched its surgical technology program in 2000, one of only five such programs in the Chicago area. The surgical technology program prepares students to work as surgical technologists in a variety of surgical settings and is based on a curriculum recommended by the Association of Surgical Technologists.

Degrees and Certificates

Surgical Technology—Certificate

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of surgical technologists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations as the volume of surgeries increases due to the aging population. Hospitals will continue to be the primary employer of surgical technologists as they try to reduce costs by replacing nurses in the operating room. However, because of better paying opportunities, much faster employment growth is expected in physicians offices and in outpatient care centers, including ambulatory surgical centers. The median annual salaries for surgical technologists are \$38,740.



About the Curriculum

This program begins only in the fall semester and takes one year to complete. It is a 40-hour per week daytime program, which includes both classes and clinical labs. Clinicals will be held in hospital operating rooms with students working with a preceptor. Students must have their own transportation to travel to a hospital site within a 45-mile radius.

The program meets nationally established standards for surgical technology. It has been approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Graduates may sit for the surgical technologist national certification exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Please note: This program has special admissions requirements. Contact the Office of Enrollment Services to obtain a copy of the Surgical Technologist Application Procedures Booklet or download a copy at prairiestate.edu.

To view the curriculum for this program, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html.

For More Information

Contact Associate Professor Susan Bugajsky, B.S., PA-C, R.N., coordinator, surgical technology, at (708)709-3780, or e-mail at sbugajsky@prairiestate.edu.

Reasons to Attend

Prairie State College

- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

Admissions

PSC offers open admission that encourages diversity and admits all high school graduates or the equivalent.

Here's how to start your college career at PSC:

- Provide a high school diploma or GED.
- Take the COMPASS Placement Test or submit a copy of ACT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from Counseling and Advising to select courses. For questions, contact an academic advisor at (708) 709-3506.

Accreditation Information

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 210-2350 | www.caahep.org

Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARCSTSA)

6 Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO 80120
(303) 694-9262 | www.artstsa.org

Financial Aid Information

PSC's tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. Additional information at prairiestate.edu/finaid.

How to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at fafsa.gov.

2. Notification from Department of Education

If you listed PSC's school code in your FAFSA, the college's Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

3. Notification from PSC

Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Dept. of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents. Students are required to complete the PSC financial aid application.

4. Determination Letter

Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at agarcia@prairiestate.edu.

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