

## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AAS

**Purpose:** The Surgical Technology degree is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for careers working in an operating room. The surgical technologist prepares the surgical environment and functions as a team member during surgical procedures. After many hours of simulated experiences in a well-equipped lab, students will obtain clinical experience at Mayo Clinic Hospitals in Rochester, Minnesota and other hospitals in Southeastern Minnesota. Visit us at <http://www.rctc.edu/program/st/>.

As part of the requirements to graduate from the Surgical Technology program, students must take the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) Certifying Examination for Surgical Technologists.

### **Award**

*Surgical Technology AAS Degree ..... 60 credits total*  
*Surg Tech curriculum..... 42-44 credits*  
*MnTC curriculum/General Education..... 18-20 credits*

### **RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE**

*Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306>.*

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
NA 1610 Nursing Assistant for Surg Tech <i>or</i>	5 cr	BIOL 1218 Anatomy & Physiology II	4 cr
NA 1500 Nursing Assistant Theory and Clinical <i>and</i>	4 cr	HCOP 1610 Medical Terminology: Body Systems and Diseases	2 cr
NA 1602 Hospital Nursing Assistant	2 cr	AOP 2870 Employment Strategies	1 cr
BIOL 1217 Anatomy & Physiology I	4 cr	ENGL 1117 Reading and Writing Critically I	4 cr
CHEM 1101 Elements of Chemistry <i>or</i>	3 cr	PSYC 1611 Psychology of Adjustment <i>or</i>	3 cr
CHEM 1117 Gen., Organic and Biological Chemistry	4 cr	PSYC 2618 General Psychology	4 cr
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12-14</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14-15</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Semester 4</b>	
ST 2110 Surgical Technology Meds & Microbiology	3 cr	ST 2123 Surgical Procedures I	9 cr
ST 2120 Operating Room Techniques I	5 cr	ST 2124 Surgical Procedures II	9 cr
ST 2121 Operating Room Techniques II	5 cr		
ST 2122 Intro to the Operating Room	3 cr		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>18</b>

Course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.rctc.edu/academics/courses/course-descriptions>.