

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>.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
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
Total Credits	12-14	Total Credits	14-15
Semester 3		Semester 4	
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		
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	18

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