



## Technical Standards – Surgical Technologists

Surgical Technologists must be able to meet the following standards:

1. Able to stand, bend, stoop, and/or sit for long periods of time in one location with minimum/no breaks.
2. Able to lift a minimum of 20 pounds.
3. Able to refrain from nourishment or restroom breaks for periods up to 6 hours.
4. Demonstrate sufficient visual ability enough to load a fine (10-0) suture onto needles and needle holders with/without corrective lenses and while wearing safety glasses.
5. Demonstrate sufficient peripheral vision to anticipate and function while in the sterile surgical environment.
6. Hear and understand muffled communication without visualization of the communicator's mouth/lips and within 20 feet.
7. Hear activation/warning signals on equipment.
8. Able to detect odors sufficient to maintain environmental safety and patient needs.
9. Manipulate instruments, supplies and equipment with speed, dexterity, and good eye-hand coordination.
10. Ambulate/move around without assistive devices.
11. Able to assist with and/or lift, move, position, and manipulate the patient who is unconscious with or without assistive devices.
12. Communicate and understand fluent English both verbally and in writing.
13. To be free of reportable communicable diseases and chemical abuse.
14. Complete all health and clinical requirements (includes American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification, drug and alcohol screening, background check, TB test, immunizations , physical exam, and any additional information required by the clinical site).
15. Possess short- and long-term memory sufficient to perform tasks such as, but not limited to, mentally tracking surgical supplies and performing anticipation skills intraoperatively.
16. Able to make appropriate judgment decisions.
17. Demonstrate the use of positive coping skills under stress.

18. Demonstrate calm and effective responses, especially in emergency situations.
19. Exhibit positive interpersonal skills during patient, staff, and faculty interactions.
20. Able to fit into currently available sizes of personal protective equipment (PPE) and wear protective equipment for long periods of time.
21. The Surgical Technology program is rigorous. Although 12 credit hours is a full-time course load, it does not mean just the 12 hours per week. During the last two semesters for clinical rotations the program schedule is a full 40-hour week. Students must have reliable child/daycare for dependent family members (child/parents/other) to attend classes and clinical requirements as well as for employment in operating room.
22. Must have reliable transportation.
23. Must schedule appointments for personal or other business during your off time outside of class, clinical, or employment schedule. No late arrivals/early dismissals for appointments are permitted.
24. Must be able to pay for additional expenses for health requirements, background check, drug screening, CPR certification, transportation to clinical sites, tolls, parking at clinical sites, and other expenses outside of basic tuition, books, and lab fees.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My signature indicates that I am able to perform all technical standards.