

CERTIFIED SURGICAL TECHNICIAN TO AAS IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

The **Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology completion degree** is expected to be completed in one calendar year, if the student is studying on a full-time basis.

Qualified applicants must be a board-certified surgical technologist (CST) through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) and a graduate from CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) or ABHES (Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools) accredited program.

The student will receive up to 32 hours of credit for being a board-certified surgical technologist. Requirements for an AAS are 60 credit hours.

All general education courses are pre- or co-requisites of ST 250 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS and/or ST 255 LEADERSHIP.

Total Degree Credits: 60

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE ¹	0
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr)	Elective	3
Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si)	Elective	4
Free Elective		4
ST 250	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	4
Hours		15
Semester 2		
ST 255	LEADERSHIP ²	4
Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr)	Elective	3
Select two of the following: ³		6
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)	Elective	
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)	Elective	
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)	Elective	
Hours		13
Semester 3		
Advanced placement credit hours or previous college coursework, for being a board-certified surgical technologist. ⁴		32
Hours		32
Total Hours		60

¹ Required 1-credit hour course, but is not counted in the degree total.

² Students enrolled in ST 255 LEADERSHIP Leadership will be required to be an active member of the Association of Surgical Technology (AST). The current fee for membership is \$80. Price is subject to change by the AST.

³ Selected courses must be from two of the three strands, to equal 6 credit hours.

⁴ Courses listed as "Semester 3" do not require course registration; these credit hours will be completed using previous college coursework or will be awarded (up to 32 hours, considered as Advanced Placement) for being a board-certified surgical technologist.

Degree requires a total of 60 credit hours. [Core Course Credit Hours : 16]

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE ¹	0
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr)		3
Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr)		3
Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si)	Elective (BIOL 109 is preferred)	4
Select two of the following:		6
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
Program Courses		
ST 250	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	4

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ST 255	LEADERSHIP	4
Free Elective		4
Previous college credits or advanced placement credit award		32
Total Hours		60

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