Surgical technologists are members of the surgical team who assist surgeons before, during, and after operations. Before surgery they prepare instruments, equipment, and the patient. During operations they pass instruments to the surgeon and assist with all aspects of the surgical procedure. Collaborates with surgical team to ensure proper care of patients. At the conclusion of the procedure, surgical technologists use appropriate technique to process all instrumentation.

### CAREER POSSIBILITIES

**Surgical Technologists in various work locations:**
- Hospital Surgery Departments
- Obstetric Departments
- Surgery Centers
- Doctors’ or dentists’ offices

**Surgical Tech Specializations**
- Cardiac
- Obstetrics
- Orthopedic
- Eye
- Pediatric
- Neuro

### CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Career Coach**
http://richland.emsicareercoach.com/

**Career Cruising**
http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/surgical-technologists.htm
http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2055.00
http://www.richland.edu/programs/surgt

**CSTs may also become sales reps for surgical medical devices.**

### CERTIFICATION

*Required to waive BIOL 101 at RCC and apply to Surg Tech program for admission to program in fall following HS graduation*

Richland’s Surgical Technology program uses a selective admission process. The link below provides information.

http://www.richland.edu/health/admissions

Request an admission worksheet using this link: http://www.richland.edu/health/surgt_advise

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**Transitional Notes**

Richland’s Surgical Technology program uses background checks and drug screens.

Clinical sites the Surgical Technology program uses require background checks and drug screens.

This program includes classroom, lab, and clinical experiences. Sequence and program details found in Catalog.

http://www.richland.edu/sites/richland.edu/files/catalog/current_year_subsections/surgt.pdf

Upon meeting the case and testing requirements, an NBSTSA certified CST may become a surgical first assistant.

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### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

http://www.ast.org/AboutUs/About_AST/
www.arcstsa.org

### SUGGESTED COURSEWORK

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