



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA

The Surgical Technology program application can only be submitted to the Program Director for review if the required prerequisite courses have been completed, or will be completed during the academic term that precedes the program start in the summer. It should be understood by all applicants that **applying for admission into the Surgical Technology Program at Western Nebraska Community College does not guarantee admission to the Program.** Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. An objective assessment process is used to identify the most highly qualified candidates for admission and is as follows:

Requirements for applicants include:

I. Successful completion of the following pre-requisite courses with an average GPA of 2.33 (C+) or higher. Additionally, the following two courses must be passed with a grade of a C+ or higher to be considered for admission: Comprehensive Medical Terminology and Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology.

1. Comprehensive Medical Terminology
2. Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology
3. English Composition I
4. Human Communications or Public Speaking
5. Intermediate Algebra, Business Math, Technical Math or higher
6. Achieving College Success

II. Criminal History Background Check & 10-Panel Drug Screen

Candidates receiving provisional acceptance to the program must successfully complete a criminal history review before receiving full acceptance. Specific information related to the background check will be provided to the students once they are provisionally accepted into the program. Students with a history of misdemeanor(s) and/or felony(s) may not be eligible to participate in clinical experiences necessary to successfully complete the Surgical Technology program. **The background check and drug screen will require a fee paid by the student applicant and must be completed prior to starting the program.**

III. Grade Analysis of college pre-requisite courses and transfer credits

Letter grades earned in each course will be converted to a grade point using WNCC's standard point system (Table 1).

Table 1 – WNCC Grade Point System

GRADE	GPA
A+	4.0
A	4.0
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.0
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.0

Applicants meeting these minimum requirements will be rank-ordered for provisional acceptance. Rankings will be determined by the total (sum) of GPA points earned.

IV. Documents to be turned in for the application process to begin:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Application form
3. Official Transcripts for all previously attended colleges/universities (not necessary for WNCC classes).

Other Important Information:

Upon your official acceptance into the Surgical Technology program, the candidate will be required to meet the program immunization/screening requirements and obtain personal liability insurance.

Also upon acceptance into the program, a C+ is required in all courses to progress in the program.

Please understand that students may be **required** to travel during their clinical rotations. Some clinical sites have orientation requirements with a fee. **The student will be responsible for these fees and for travel and lodging expenses.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed annually after WNCC spring semester grades have been posted.

Candidate rankings are performed by the Surgical Technology Program Director and Health Sciences Division Chair.

All applicants will receive notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to the program by U.S. mail.