



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 spring. 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 at least 4 the following pre-requisite courses (two of the four must be numbers 1 & 2 below) with a GPA of 2.33 (C+) or higher. Additionally, the following two courses must be completed with a grade of a C+ or higher to be considered for admission: Medical Terminology and Intro to Anatomy & Physiology/Body Structure & Function (or A&P I & II).

1. Comprehensive Medical Terminology
2. Intro to Anatomy & Physiology/Body Structure & Function (or A&P I & II)
3. English Composition I
4. Human Communications or Public Speaking
5. Intermediate Algebra, Business Math, Technical Math (or higher)
6. Achieving College Success

II. 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. Official acceptance will be granted once final grades are posted during the fall semester prior to program start in the spring. Rankings will be determined by GPA.

III. 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 or if WNCC has already received your transfer transcripts).

Other Important Information:

After your official acceptance into the Surgical Technology Program, the candidate will be required to meet the program background check, drug screen, immunization/screening requirements and obtain personal liability insurance.

Also, upon acceptance into the Program, a C+ is required in all surgical technology courses to progress in the Surgical Technology 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 after WNCC fall semester final grades have been posted.

Candidate rankings are performed by the Surgical Technology Program Director.

All applicants will receive notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to the program in December.