SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
San Jacinto College Central

All students are required to attend a mandatory Surgical Technology information session in order to enroll in the two pre-requisite courses, HPRS 1106-Essentials of Medical Terminology and HPRS 1171-Medical Terminology.

Meeting Dates and Times:
- Thursday February 20, 2014 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday March 5, 2014 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Health Science Building (C-11.1021) – Bldg. #11 Central Campus

Requirements: *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*

1. Current college application filled out to San Jacinto College before attending pre-enrollment meeting. If it has been longer than 1 long semester (Spring or Fall) since you attended San Jacinto College, you must renew your application online.

2. Must have a reading level of 7; writing level of 6; minimum GPA of 2.0.

3. Application packets will be distributed during the information sessions, and the following items must be returned to the Administrative Assistant, Surgical Technology, C.11-1053 in the Health Sciences Building, Building #11, on the Central Campus.
   No applications will be accepted after noon on Friday, March 21, 2014.
   - Program Application
   - Counseling Form confirming reading level and writing level
   - Unofficial transcript(s) from San Jacinto College, other college experience or from high school (if no college experience)
   - Degree Evaluation from SOS (if any college experience)

4. Applications will be reviewed by the Surgical Technology Department and notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent via email by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 28, 2014. Please do not call that day to see if you were accepted.

If any other information is needed, please call the Surgical Technology Department at 713-754-8423, or email catherine.yendell@sjcd.edu or susan.purvis@sjcd.edu.

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The Surgical Technology Certificate program at San Jacinto College is a one-year program, or three concurrent semesters. A student may, upon completion of additional courses, receive their Associate's Degree. Information regarding both the certificate and degree requirements can be found on the San Jacinto College website at www.sjcd.edu.

**Surgical Technologists:**
- Work closely with the surgeon, anesthesiologist and nurse circulator to care for each patient.
- Prepare the operating room for sterile surgical procedures;
- Maintain the sterile field and assist the surgeon during surgery;
- Clear the surgical suite and prepare for the next patient.

**Accreditation:**
The surgical technology program is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

**Acceptance:**
The surgical technology program accepts new students in August and January, based on the grade earned in the prerequisite courses, Essentials of Medical Terminology and Medical Terminology, and a reading level of 7/writing level of 6. A limited number of students will be accepted, based on available clinical sites.

Once accepted, students must provide:
- Proof of a Physical Examination on Surgical Technology Department documentation.
- Proof of CPR certification from the American Heart Association - Health Care Provider level.
- Proof that all immunization series listed below have been completed before entering the program. **Please note that the Hepatitis B series includes 3 vaccines spaced over a 6-month period.**
  - Tetanus within past 10 years
  - Tuberculosis test
  - Varicella/chickenpox (proof of two vaccines) or positive titer result
  - MMR (proof of two vaccines) or positive titer result
  - Hepatitis B series (three vaccines, given over six-month period) or positive titer results
  - Current flu vaccine
- Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening;

**Jobs:** $17-$20/hour
- Hospitals will continue to be the primary employer of surgical technologists.
- Private specialty practices such as orthopedics, plastics/reconstructive surgery, etc.
- Sales reps or technical specialists
- Managing central supply or sterile processing departments.
- First Assist
- After experience, teach in Surgical Technology Instructional Program