

Surgical Technologists

Entry wages (2014): \$17.79 per hour or \$37,003 annually

Projected growth (2016-2025) Faster than average at 24.3% in Tarrant County

What will you do? Surgical Technologist work under the direction of surgeons in handing surgical instruments and assist in the operation as directed. Duties includes sanitizing equipment, preparing patients for surgery, and transferring patients to recovery. They work in surgical teams consisting of surgeons, registered nurses and anesthesiologists' team.

Where will you work? Surgical Technologists work in hospitals especially in surgery operating rooms, childbirth delivery units, and recovery rooms.

What Experience do you need? Surgical technologists typically need a postsecondary certificate or an associate's degree. Certification can be beneficial in finding a job. A small number of states regulate surgical technologists. Texas does not require a state license

What type of Training do I need? Surgical technologists typically need a postsecondary certificate or an associate's degree. Industry recognized certification such as the Certified Surgical Technologists (CST) or Tech-in-Surgery-Certified (TS-C) can improve earning potential and advancement opportunities including experience. You can receive your industry recognized certification as a Certified Surgical Technologist offered by the [National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting \(NBSTSA\)](#), and the Tech in Surgery Certified (TS-C) sponsored by the [National Center for Competency Testing \(NCCT\)](#). Education programs can be accredited by [Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs \(CAAHEP\)](#) as well as being certified by Association of Surgical Technologists are widely accepted by employers, and surgeons for meeting their standards when offering employment .A small number of states regulate surgical technologists. **Surgical First Assistants** have a hands-on role, directly assisting surgeons during a procedure. For instance, they may help to suction the incision site or suture a wound. They are an advanced position above a Surgical Technologist. Surgical Assistants are required to have a state issued license by the Texas Medical Board. **Surgical Technicians** who have not earned post-secondary education credentials like a Surgical Technologist, and have only received on-the-job training are considered below a Surgical Technologist.

After initial certification, you will need to renew it according to which organization you earned it from, and meeting their requirements such as completing continuing education credits. For example, NBSTA you will need to recertify every four years and NCCT is every year.



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What else should I know?

Employers are able to verify your education and credentials when considering employment offers. Medical occupations are sensitive to criminal backgrounds. For criminal background applicants please check each certifying organization's policy for application and recertifying. For complete listing of convictions and deferred adjudications, See:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.250.htm>

Sec. 250.006. CONVICTIONS BARRING EMPLOYMENT.

Approved Tarrant County Training Programs

Provider	Program Name	Hours (Contact/Credit)	Cost	Pell Eligible
Tarrant County College	Surgical Technology	1344/39	\$4,125.00	Yes
Brown Mackie College	Associate of Science in Surgical Technology	1514/92	\$23,000.00	Yes
Concorde Career Institute	Surgical Technology	1220/0	\$24,149.00	Yes
Fortis College	Surgical Technology	1740/98	\$25,925.00	Yes

The cost of training reflected on this page is set by the training provider and does not reflect Tarrant County WIOA funding amounts. All services are subject to availability and funding.

*This information is subject to change. See a Workforce Center Career Counselor for more information.



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