

Surgical Technology

Progression Process

Admission to the core level courses of the Surgical Technology program will be determined by a selective process based upon a point system. Students **MUST** complete **ALL** program pre-requisites prior to applying for progression to the core level of the program. No more than 24 students will be admitted to the core level of the Surgical Technology program. Students will be responsible for completion and submission of a **Progression Application** packet. The packet will include the Progression Application Coversheet, ST Student Progression Application Checklist, an attached copy of their degree audit, as well as documentation of applicable previous healthcare experience to the program chair at the time of progression. It is the responsibility of each applicant to make sure all transfer credit has been received *and* processed by the Office of the Registrar prior to progression. No exceptions will be made for any applicant.

INFORMATION SESSION

Students who have declared ST as their major must attend **ONE** mandatory Surgical Technology Information Session prior to submitting a Progression Application. The information sessions will be offered **September 27, 2016, October 25, 2016, November 29, 2016, January 24, 2017, February 28, 2017, March 28, 2017, April 25, 2017, and May 23, 2017**. Students are encouraged to attend within the first semester of declaring ST as their major. The session will include detailed information

about the profession, the program and progression requirements for admission.

Prospective students interested in learning about the program and profession are welcome to attend.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- 2.75 minimum overall GPA
- High School or college biology and chemistry within the last 7 years, with a grade of C or better.
- Ready for college level reading, writing and math according to the COMPASS™ test.
- FYE 100, 105, *OR* 110 (*if less than 12 credit hours of college coursework*)
- BIO 151
- ST 100
- MAT 105

APPLICANT RANKING CRITERIA

Points will be granted for **overall GPA, TEAS V-AH test, Program Prerequisites, completed curriculum Science and Non General Education courses, attending ST Information Session, and points awarded for Experience** Points will be granted for previous masters, bachelors, or associate degree, military experience (DD Form 214 honorable discharge), and if currently working in healthcare (patient contact or central service/SPD, letter from supervisor stating type of work and years of service).

TEAS V-AH ASSESSMENT

Students will take the TEAS V-AH exam prior to submitting an application for progress. It is recommended that you complete all required developmental courses and pre-core level courses before scheduling your exam. If you are transferring credit from another institution, we encourage you to refresh your knowledge prior to scheduling your exam. Test locations, times, fees and the registration process will be posted on the Health Division and Surgical Technology websites. Information will also be provided at the information session. Students may take the exam once per year and submit your scores with your application. The exam includes sections on academic aptitude, reading comprehension, math and natural science.

4. Can I repeat if I am not happy with my scores?

You can repeat the test in 6 months

5. How soon do I get my results?

You will receive your results immediately.

6. How do I interpret the results?

Refer to ST information session for interpreting your results.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TEAS V-AH

1. How do I prepare for this exam – are there practice tests available?

You may purchase practice exams in the book store or by going to this link: www.atitesting.com

2. What is the cost for the tests?

\$91.00 for both the TEAS V-AH (A Credit Card is required for Registration and Payment).

3. When and where is it offered?

Refer to the Health and Public Safety website for current dates and locations

Home Page/Academics Programs /& Certificates/HPS/ST Degree/Details/Progression Process/TEAS V-AH registration/click link and select TEAS V-AH

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Once students are accepted into the Core Level of the ST program, they will be required to submit a Criminal Background Check in order to verify eligibility for clinical placements. The background checks must be received by the program chair prior to starting the Core level sequence. Failure to complete the paperwork in an appropriate timeframe, to assure the results are received in a timely manner, will be grounds for dismissal from the program. You should also be aware that some clinical facilities may require a drug screening prior to placement. That will be determined throughout the year based on the sites you will be assigned. Criminal background checks must be completed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

***Felony records and misdemeanors may prohibit you from continuing in this program or obtaining employment.**

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

Computer Access/Email

In addition to the other requirements, all students must be able to access the college online teaching platform, Blackboard, and must be accessible via an electronic mail address. We will not use personal email addresses. All correspondence will be sent via the students Cincinnati State email account. Students may utilize any of the computers on any campus to create and check their email accounts and to access Blackboard. Blackboard and email accounts should be checked frequently (at least 3 times /week) for messages, assignments, and/or announcements. Students are responsible for keeping their demographic information current by updating their personal information as needed.

Program Overview and Frequently Asked Questions

1. What do I need to be placed on the ST Program list?

Be sure to complete all the prerequisites (*no developmental courses, chemistry and biology within the last 7 years, BIO 151, ST 100, FYE, MAT 105*) with a minimum grade of “C” and a GPA 2.75 or higher.

Attend a Surgical Technology Information Session. *See brochures and HPS clerical staff for dates and time.*

Complete the TEAS V-AH Test. *See website or advisor for dates and time.*

Meet with the ST advisor at least once a semester.

2. How will I be placed on the ST class list?

The program uses a selective admission process. Selection is based upon a point system.

Completion and submission of the Surgical Technology **Progression Application Packet** by the required deadline to the ST program chair.

You will be notified via MyCState email of your admission status by the preset date. (*Attend ST information session for specifics*).

3. What are prerequisites?

They are courses that must be taken before a student is eligible to enter ST clinical courses. Developmental prerequisites help to enhance basic reading, writing, math, biology, and chemistry knowledge and skills. These courses make-up for poor grades or for courses you may not have taken while attending high school. Program prerequisites introduce you to the profession and potential course work required to be successful.

4. What are technical ST courses?

Technical courses teach you the professional skill and training required to perform your role as a Surgical Technologist. All surgery courses start with the acronym “ST”. You must have permission of the ST Program Chair in order to take these courses.

5. What are non-technical ST courses?

Non-technical courses support your professional training and skill development.

6. What is the difference between co-op and clinical?

The Surgical Technologist program has classroom, laboratory, and clinical hours. Classroom hours are for learning theory and principles. Laboratory hours are for the application of knowledge and skills in a controlled setting. Clinical hours are spent in a real (hospital) facility under direct supervision while working with patients. All classroom, laboratory, and clinical hours are a mandatory part of your training. Co-op is paid experience in a relative field of study. The Surgical Technology program does not have co-op hours.

7. What scholarships or financial aid are available for Surgical Technology students?

Federal funding based on need, forgivable loans, and scholarships are available once you have started your technical ST classes.

8. Can I attend college part-time or evenings?

Yes, you can take any general educational or non-technical classes part-time or evenings. However, once you start ST technical courses, you must be committed to courses taken during the day for the next 2 years.

9. Will I get a job upon graduation?

The placement rate for Surgical Technologist graduates is very high.

10. Will credits from another college transfer?

Yes, as long as the college is regionally accredited, and credits are applicable to the ST program with a "C" or better. All math and science courses must be retaken if more than 7 years old.

11. What is the pay scale for a Surgical Technologist?

The starting pay in this area is \$18.00 - \$21.00 per hour.

12. When are the clinical courses offered?

All clinical courses are offered in the daytime. There are no evenings, nights, or weekends. Exact specifics are in each clinical course syllabus.