

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

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## Job Description

Surgical Technology is an exciting, intense, and dynamic profession. The Surgical Technologist is an integral part of the surgical team and must have a thorough knowledge of surgical procedures and instrumentation. The Surgical Technologist anticipates the needs of the surgeon to facilitate the smooth progress of surgery.

A vital role of the Surgical Technologist is to maintain aseptic technique and sterile conditions during surgery. Surgical Technology is a developing and thriving allied health profession throughout the world.

## Career Opportunities

The one-year Surgical Technology program provides students with the necessary skills for entry level into:

- Operating Room
- Labor and Delivery Suite
- Endoscopy Unit
- Outpatient Surgical Suite
- Emergency Room
- Sterile Processing
- Offices of ophthalmologists, physicians, and dentists

## Approximate Salary in Nevada

Hourly Wage Range.....\$17.29-\$38.71

Median Hourly Wage.....\$28.39

Average Annual Salary.....\$59,040.00

**\*\*Note:** wages can vary depending on location in the state of Nevada.

Source: "Nevada 2018 OES Wage Data"  
www.nevadaworkforce.com

## Personal Characteristics

The Surgical Technologist must be able to perform under stressful and emergency situations, have considerable patience, possess a strong sense of responsibility and concern for order, must work quickly, must be oriented to detail and must be sensitive to the needs of the patient and other members of the surgical team.

## Program Description

The program includes classroom instruction, lab, and clinical practice in Surgical Technology. Students will be required to complete a total of 120 cases in the clinical setting in order to graduate. Once the student has completed the required courses and cases, they will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree and may be eligible to take the national certification examination for Surgical Technologists. Prospective students are advised that a felony conviction may preclude them from sitting for the national certification exam. Northern Nevada students are responsible for their own travel expenses.

## Admission Requirements

The CSN Surgical Technologist program is a Limited Entry program. Therefore, all of the prerequisite requirements must be completed by the application deadline in order to be eligible for consideration. See reverse side for specific requirements. A Limited Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program may be obtained online at: <https://www.csn.edu/Limited>

## Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

### Tuition:

60.5 credits x \$109.75 per credit hr .....	\$6,639.87
Student Union Fee per credit hr .....	\$9.00
Technology Fee per credit hr .....	\$8.50
Athletics & Recreation Fee per credit hr.....	\$2.00
Limited Entry Application Fee.....	\$20.00
Books .....	\$465.00
Lab Fees.....	\$50.00/lab
Uniforms/Supplies.....	\$130.00
CPR Certification.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Physical Exam.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations.....	\$0 - \$600.00
Urine Drug Screen.....	\$30.00
Background Check .....	\$50.00
Dexterity Test.....	\$25.00 - \$30.00
AST Student Exam Bundle.....	\$247.00
Medical Insurance .....	\$20.00 - \$190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured.	
College Application Fee.....	\$20.00
New Student Fee.....	\$20.00
One-time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.	
Non-resident Fee.....	\$3,843.00 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.	

**Entry-Admission** Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of CPR certification, health insurance, and immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. Proof of a negative TB skin test and negative urine drug screen will also be required. In addition, an official background check may also be required. This documentation is required prior to the first scheduled practicum/clinical experience.

## Work Policy

All student activities associated with the curriculum, especially while students are completing clinical rotations, will be educational in nature. Students will not receive any monetary remuneration during this educational experience, nor will the student be substituted for hired staff personnel within the clinical institution in the capacity of a surgical technologist.

## Program Outcomes

- Graduation rate: 78%
  - Licensure exam pass rate: CST Exam pass rate – 100%
  - Employment rate: 71%
- \*\*Numbers reflect 2019 outcomes.**

## Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in collaboration with Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

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