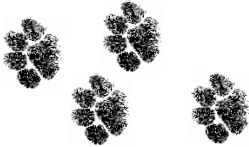


**Pearl River Community College  
Surgical Technology Program  
5448 US Highway 49 South  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**



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# PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM



### **2011 Surgical Technology Program Application and Information Packet**

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PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY  
APPLICATION PACKET TO:

*PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ATTENTION: SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM  
5448 US HWY 49 SOUTH  
HATTIESBURG, MS 39401*

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL: 601-554-5507

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### *PRCC FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE:*

All Financial aid information and applications can now be obtained online at: [www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu). Follow these steps:

Step 1 – Click on “Current Student”

Step 2 – Click on “Financial Aid”

Step 3 – Choose the “Link” or “Form” desired

Info available:

***Pell Grant***

***MTAG***

***Scholarships***

*Additional paperwork needed to complete your file with the financial aid department can be printed from this website.*

## PRCC SCHOOL CODE: 002430

### TECHNICAL ABILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

To provide the minimum standard of patient care, **the Surgical Technology** student must be able to demonstrate the following job responsibilities and procedures. The student must exhibit the following occupational skills:

1. Use fine motor skill and eye hand coordination, both right and left hands that allow the students to safely manipulate needles, blades, sutures, and instruments.
2. Perform a full-range body motion, including moving patients and handling, lifting, and pushing heavy equipment.
3. Bend, reach, pull, push, stand, stoop, and walk during educational experiences.
4. Possess physical stamina, as long periods of standing are required.
5. Demonstrate visual acuity (*with correction, if needed*) within normal range including peripheral vision and reading of fine print.
6. Demonstrate auditory acuity (with correction if needed) that includes hearing muffled voices (*through a mask*) with background noise.
7. Wear full surgical attire including personal protective devices.
8. Withstand unusual sights and smells, as cauterized tissue.
9. Recognize that the work environment will include exposure to diseases and toxic substances.
10. Adapt effectively and use appropriate coping skills in environments with high stress to ensure patient safety.
11. Respond quickly and in an emotionally controlled manner in emergency situations.
12. Use critical thinking to problem solve when unusual situations arise.
13. Anticipate the needs and provide emotional support to team members and the patient.
14. Keep a written account of the procedure by documenting in an objective, concise, and legible manner.
15. Demonstrate attentive behavior by focusing intently on the task at hand.
16. Integrate and prioritize duties.
17. Adapt to irregular working hours.
18. Possess a stable temperament
19. Communicate in a rational and coherent manner both orally and in writing.
20. Present the following documents **after admission into** the SUT program:
  - A. Tuberculin Mantoux/ Chest x-ray (if Mantoux is positive)
  - B. Hepatitis B immunization or declination
  - C. CPR certification
  - D. Drug Screen
  - E. Criminal Background Check

21. Student may be randomly selected for a drug screen.

**PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
ALLIED HEALTH CENTER  
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Dear Prospective Student:

Enclosed is the application packet for the Surgical Technology program at PRCC. The Surgical Technology program offers a Certificate and/or Associate in Applied Science Degree. During the course of the program, students will spend time in the classroom and hands-on training in a hospital or clinic. The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST) accredit the PRCC program. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the Association of Surgical Technology Certifying Exam.

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR AND CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN THE FOLLOWING JANUARY.** Only course work transcribed prior to **October 1<sup>st</sup>** will respectively be used to compute your GPA. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO COMPLETE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSIONS AND RETURN THESE FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

Please hand deliver the enclosed SUT application, the PRCC Application for Admission, ACT score(s), and high school/college transcripts or GED w/scores to the following campus:

**Pearl River Community College**  
**Surgical Technology Department**  
**Allied Health Building – Room 244**  
**Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

Thank you for applying to the Surgical Technology Program at PRCC. If we may provide any assistance during the application process, please do not hesitate to call our secretary, *Cheryl Breland* at (601) 554-5507.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Allhoff*

Tammy Allhoff, CST, CSFA, A.A.S.  
Surgical Technology Program Director

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# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

## The Career

Surgical Technology is an allied health professional employed as part of the surgical team preparing the operating rooms, equipment and supplied for use during surgery. The technologist assists the surgical team during actual operating procedures. Surgical technologists are employed in hospital operating rooms, labor and delivery suites, surgeon's offices, and sterile processing departments.

## About The Program

The Surgical Technology program is a one plus one year program. Surgical technologist can opt out after one year or continue on for an Associate in Applied Science degree. The students spend 50% of their time in the classroom and the other 50% in the hospital operating room. Upon completion of the program, the students are eligible to sit for the Association of Surgical Technologist Certifying Exam.

## Work Policy

During clinical rotations, students are not to be substituted for paid personnel to conduct the work of the clinical facility. Nor are they to be paid while participating in clinical rotations at the clinical facility.

## Admission

Selection of students is competitive based on a minimum of **16 on the ACT, overall High School or College GPA and interviews for selected applicants.** Admission to the program is limited to *twenty four* students each **January**. **PLEASE, NOTE THE "CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION" IN THIS PACKET.**

## Program Application

**High school, college transcripts, GED scores, ACT scores, and application** are required for each program applicant. Applications are accepted each year until **October 1**, at which time your application file must be complete.

## Accreditation Status

The Surgical Technology program at Pearl River Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology (ARC-ST).

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

## ESTIMATED COST SHEET

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year (Certificate)

#### Spring Semester- 1<sup>st</sup> Set of Books

Tuition .....	1000.00
Program Fee .....	400.00
Registration .....	25.00
Technology Fee .....	25.00
Parking Permit.....	10.00
Books.....	415.00/ approx.
AST membership .....	80.00
Liability Insurance.....	15.00
Scrubs (x) 2 .....	60.00
Warm Up Jacket.....	7.00
Name tag .....	10.00
Nursing shoes .....	50.00
Goggles .....	10.00
Patches .....	5.00
HBV vaccine (x) 2.....	55.00 x 2
CPR .....	<u>25.00</u>
Criminal Background Check .....	Cost Varies
<u>Semester Total</u>	\$ 2199 + crim. background ck/apx.

#### Summer Semester – 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of Books

Tuition .....	100.00 /per semester. hr
Lab .....	Pro-rated
Registration Fee.....	25.00
Technology Fee .....	25.00
Books .....	100.00/ approx.
HBV vaccine (x) 1.....	<u>55.00</u>
<u>Semester Total</u>	\$ 1342.00/ approx.

#### Fall Semester – 3<sup>rd</sup> Set of Books

Tuition.....	1000.00
Program Fee .....	400.00
Graduation fee .....	40.00
Registration Fee.....	25.00
Surgical Tech Pen.....	27.00
CST Exam .....	<u>195.00</u>
<u>Semester Total</u>	\$ 1687.00/ approx.

**PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

## What is a Surgical Technologist?

The **surgical technologist** most often functions as the scrub tech, the sterile member of the surgical team who passes instruments, sutures, and sponges during surgery. The scrub tech has scrubbed hands and arms and puts on sterile operating room attire. Scrubbing allows the tech to work within the sterile field established around the patient and to handle the sterilized instruments, equipment, and supplies used during the procedure. They may also function in the capacity of instrument cleanup and sterilization.

The primary responsibility of the ST is maintaining the sterile field, being constantly vigilant that all members of the team adhere to proper aseptic (sterile) techniques that prevent contamination or infection. The ST must anticipate the needs of the surgeon, passing instruments and providing wound exposure within the operative field.

Our program is set up so either the student may graduate after the 1<sup>st</sup> year with a certificate or complete required academics for A.A.S.

Surgical Technologists who successfully pass the national certifying examination, administered by the Liaison Council on Certification is a way to demonstrate ongoing commitment to quality performance as ST. Periodic renewal by exam or the participation in continuing education programs reflects the individual's knowledge of the most current surgical technology practices. CSTs may also function as an assistant to the surgeon and may be employed privately in that area. Certification is now available to those CSTs who work as First Assists. It is also a national exam administered by the Liaison Council on Certification. Those people who pass this test have the title Certified First Assistant.

Surgical Technologists are employed in hospital operating room, labor and delivery suites, sterile processing area, and in some material management areas.

***SUT CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY 2012.***

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION

1. Applicant must be **18 years of age**.
2. Applicant must have ACT score of:  
Before OCT 1989---**12 or above**  
After OCT 1989-----**16 or above**
3. ***APPLICANT MUST TURN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IN, AS ONE COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET TO THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY DEPT PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE:***
  - ***PRCC APPLICATION***
  - ***SUT APPLICATION***
  - ***ACT SCORES (CALL 319-337-1313 OR GO TO WWW.ACT.ORG IF SCORES ARE NOT ON TRANSCRIPT, OR CAN'T BE FOUND. MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT SCORE IF TAKEN MORE THAN ONCE.***
  - ***HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT/GED SCORES***
  - ***COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (INCLUDING PRCC TRANSCRIPT)***

## **ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATION FILES WILL BE CONSIDERED**

4. All application materials must be forwarded to:

***PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM  
ALLIED HEALTH BLDG. - ROOM 244  
HATTIESBURG, MS 39401***

5. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview by the Selection Committee. The basis for this selection will be: **ACT score and GPA's from high school or college transcripts.**
6. Priority for student admission to the program will be as follows: **district, out-of-district, and out-of state.**
7. For those selected for admission a physical is required. Drug screening is a part of the physical. **This must be completed before registration or the student will not be allowed to register.**
8. Students must complete a criminal background check prior to registration if admitted into the program. Students must not have been convicted of or pled guilty or no contendere to a felony. Please see instructor for list of crimes.

9. Qualified applicants who are admitted to the class as alternates will be placed on a waiting list and may be selected to fill any vacancies that occur prior to late registration. *Class size is limited to 24 students per enrollment period.*

# SUT CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

- 1113 **Fundamentals of Surgical Technology (3)**  
This is a basic introductory course including hospital and surgical suite organization and environment, history, legal responsibilities, terminology, interpersonal relationships, pharmacology, and anesthesia. (3 sch. 3hrs. lecture) Pre-requisites: CPR-C
- 1216 **Principles of Surgical Technique (6)**  
This course is a comprehensive study of aseptic technique, safe patient care, and surgical techniques. (6 sch: 1 hr. lecture, 10 hrs. lab) Pre-requisites: CPRC certification.
- 1413 **Surgical Microbiology (3)**  
This is an introduction to pathogenic microorganisms related to surgery and their effect on wound healing and infection. It includes principles of sterilization and disinfection. (3 sch; 3 hrs. lecture) Pre-requisites: CPR-C.
- 1314 **Surgical Anatomy (4)**  
Emphasis is placed on structure and function of the human body as related to surgery. Application of the principle of surgical anatomy to participation in clinical experience. (4 sch; 4 hrs. lecture) Pre-requisites: CPR-C Certification
- 1518 **Basic and Related Surgical Procedures (8)**  
This course includes instruction in regional anatomy, pathology, instrumentation, and surgical techniques in general surgery, gynecology, obstetrics, and urology. It requires clinical experience in area hospital surgical suites and related departments. (8 sch; 4 hr. lecture, 12 hrs. clinical) Pre-requisites: CPR-C certification, SUT 1314, SUT 1113, SUT 1216, SUT 1413.
- 1528 **Specialized Surgical Procedures (8)**  
This course includes instruction in regional anatomy, pathology, instrumentation, and techniques in surgical specialty areas of ear, nose, and throat; ophthalmology; plastic; oral & maxiofacial; and pediatrics. This course requires clinical experience in area hospital surgical suites and related departments. (8 sch; 4 hrs. lecture, 12 hrs. clinical) Pre-requisites: CPR-C certification, SUT 1314, SUT 1113, SUT 1216, SUT 1413.
- 1538 **Advanced Surgical Procedures (8)**  
This course includes instruction in regional anatomy, pathology, instrumentation, and techniques in surgical specialty areas of orthopedics, neurosurgery, thoracic, vascular, cardiovascular surgery, and employability skills. This course requires clinical experience in area hospital surgical suites and related departments, and a comprehensive final examination. (8 sch: 4hrs. lecture, 12 hours clinical) Pre-requisites: (SUT 1518, SUT 1528, CPR-C certification, SUT 1314, SUT 1113, SUT 1216, SUT 1413.)

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### FIRST YEAR (CERTIFICATE)

#### (1<sup>st</sup> semester) - Spring

3 sch*	Fundamentals of Surgical Technology (SUT 1113)
6 sch	Principles of Surgical Technique (SUT 1216)
4 sch	Surgical Anatomy (SUT 1314)
3 sch	Surgical Microbiology (SUT 1413)
3 sch	Written Communications Elective

#### (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) - Summer

8 sch	Basic and Related Surgical Procedures (SUT 1518)
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16 sch

19 sch

\* sch = semester credit hours

#### (3<sup>rd</sup> Semester) Fall

8 sch	Specialized Surgical Procedures (SUT 1528)
8 sch	Advanced Surgical Procedures (SUT 1538)

#### TOTAL: 43 HOURS

\*\*ALL SUT CLASSES MUST BE PASSED WITH A "C" OR ABOVE\*\*

### SECOND YEAR (TECHNICAL)

#### (1<sup>st</sup> semester)

3 sch	Oral Communications Elective
4 sch	Microbiology
3 sch	Approved Electives***
4 sch	A & P I with LAB (BIO 1513) or (BIO 2514)

14 sch

#### (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)

3 sch	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective
3 sch	Social/Behavioral Science Elective
3 sch	Math/Natural Science Elective
3 sch	Approved Electives***
4 sch	A & P II with LAB (BIO 1523) or (BIO 2524)

16 sch

#### TOTAL: 73 Hours

#### \*\*\*APPROVED ELECTIVES:

General Chemistry I (CHE 1213) with Lab (CHE 1211)	General Biology II (BIO 1144)
General Biology I (BIO 1134)	Marriage and Family (SOC 2143)
Algebra (MAT 1313 or higher)	Child Psychology (Human Growth and Development I) (EPY 2513)
Adolescent Psychology (Human Growth and Development II) (EPY 2523)	Nutrition (HEC 1253)
Nutrition (HEC 1253)	Personal and Community Health I (HPR 1213)/II (HPR 1223)

**2011 Check List for Application to the  
Surgical Technology Program**

\*\*\**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SUT DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN **4 P.M., OCTOBER 1.** DOCUMENTS MAY BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE SUT OFFICE, **ROOM 244** OF THE ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING*\*\*\*

**\*\*\*ALL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS ONE (1) COMPLETE PACKET TO THE SUT DEPARTMENT.\*\*\***

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Completed Pearl River Community College Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Completed Surgical Technology Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. ACT scores
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. High School Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. College Transcript(s) (including PRCC)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This will be used to contact you concerning your SUT application)*

*These items must be received, from the **applicant**, in **hard copy form** in the **SUT department**, regardless of copies being in any other department, including PRCC Admissions department.*

**\*\*\*IF YOU ARE NOT A PRESENT STUDENT OF PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS; EXCEPT THE SUT APPLICATION, MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE, ALSO. TRANSCRIPTS FOR THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE MUST BE OFFICIAL.\*\*\***

**FORMER STUDENTS OF PRCC:**

**If you attended Pearl River Community College prior to 1999, you are required to submit new documentation, including application, transcripts and ACT scores. They are no longer on file.**

**HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM**

**Notice to School:** *Please send an official Transcript for the following Pearl River Community College SUT program applicant.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (Maiden) (First) (Middle)

Date of Attendance/Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting the records department of

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of High School/College you attended)*

to release my transcript to: ***Pearl River Community College  
Surgical Technology Program  
5448 US Hwy 49 South  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT:** Please be sure to send this form to the **school** that you need the transcript request from. **Do not send to PRCC – Surgical Technology Program**, if you do and we do not receive your transcript(s), by the ***October 1st deadline***, your file may be considered incomplete.

If you are a current or former student of PRCC, you will need to contact the Admissions Office of PRCC to have your transcripts (*including a copy of your PRCC transcript*), your PRCC general admissions application and ACT scores sent to the **SUT** department. You may call the SUT office for confirmation of receipt of your application at any time you desire. The phone number is 601-554-5507.

**\*\* DO NOT SEND THIS FORM BACK TO PRCC- SUT OFFICE;  
SEND IT TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.  
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND THIS FORM TO THE NECESSARY  
SCHOOL(S). \*\***

*This form may be duplicated if necessary.*