Thank you for your interest in the Surgical Technology Program at Dyersburg State Community College. The Division of Health Sciences is excited to offer this program and is always look for qualified individuals. This packet of information can be utilized to help you understand the admission requirements for the Surgical Technology Program at the JNC Campus.

To be considered for the Surgical Technology Program you must first apply for admission to the College or readmission if you have previously taken courses at DSCC. You must meet the requirements of the Surgical Technology Program. In preparation for admission, please read the Admission Requirements carefully and complete as required. Candidates who have not met the requirements for admission to the College and/or Surgical Technology Program will not be considered for admission.

The College application can be downloaded from the DSCC homepage (www.dscc.edu). If you have previous college course work from other colleges or universities, you must request transcripts to be sent to DSCC along with your high school transcript.

A career in surgical technology provides many wonderful opportunities. If you need further assistance, please call the Jimmy Naifeh Center at 901-475-3182.

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Dyersburg State Community College
Surgical Technology
Requirements for Admission to the ST Program

The Dyersburg State Community College AAS degree with a major in Surgical Technology is a program of study that prepares individuals to become a member of the operating team during surgical procedures. As a member of the allied health professionals, you will be a part of integral team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings such as medical offices, out-patient clinics, and the operating room. To be considered for admission to the Surgical Technology Program, the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant must be accepted to DSCC as a regular admission student. Refer to _Requirements for Regular Admission_ in this catalog section.
2. The applicant must submit a completed Application for Surgical Technology by the application deadline.
   - This application is in addition to the DSCC Application for Admission.
3. Applicants with prior college credits must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for all courses comprising the surgical technology curriculum and a minimum grade of "C" in each course in the surgical technology curriculum.
   - For repeated courses, the most recent grade will be used in the calculation of the surgical technology grade-point average.
   - By the application deadline for the Surgical Technology, official transcripts from all previously-attended colleges and/or universities must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records. Failure to provide documentation as requested will result in the rejection of the student's application.
   - At any time after a student has been admitted to the Surgical Technology Program, if the student failed to submit all high school and/or college transcripts for review for admission, he/she will be dismissed from the Surgical Technology Program at the point of discovery.
4. A criminal background check and drug screen are required by clinical facilities for assurance of patient safety. These will be required if accepted into the Program.
   - Based on the results of these checks, an affiliated clinical site may determine to not allow a student's presence at their facility. This will result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of this program.
   - Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for surgical technician certification even though they successfully complete the Surgical Technology Program. Detailed instructions regarding the background check will be given during surgical technology orientation.
   - The student will assume the cost of the physical examination, drug screens, and background checks. To obtain more information, please contact the Surgical Technology Department.
5. If accepted, the applicant must submit proof of satisfactory physical and mental condition, current immunizations, including Tdap and Varicella, and a negative TB skin test or a chest X-ray, as indicated. TB skin tests and flu immunizations are required yearly. COVID-19 immunizations **may be required** based on a clinical site requirement. Students expected to

have patient contact must present proof of protection against hepatitis B before patient contact. The applicant must submit a valid Basic Life Support (American Heart Association) CPR card to the Surgical Technology Department.

6. Transfer requests from other colleges will be considered on an individual basis and upon availability of space. Transfer requests should be directed to the Director of Surgical Technology.

7. Applicants may be interviewed by the Surgical Technology faculty as part of the admission process.

8. Admission into the Surgical Technology Program will be based on a point system.
   - The point system will be based upon GPA; BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, ENGL 1010 English Composition I, and MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics courses completed with a grade of "B" or above.
   - In the event an applicant has taken these courses more than once, the most recent grade will be calculated in the point system.
   - Science courses must have been completed within *five* years prior to the admission date and prior to the qualifying application deadline date to be included in the admission points (fall semester if applying for the next fall admission).
   - The five-year science requirement may be waived if the applicant successfully completed the science course(s) and has a current certification/licensure in the healthcare field.

9. Required Learning Support courses, if needed, must be completed prior to the qualifying application deadline date (fall semester if applying for the next fall admission).

10. Students admitted to the DSCC Surgical Technology Program will be required to comply with the Surgical Technology Program retention and progression policies. Details of these policies are published in the *Surgical Technology Program Student Handbook*.

11. Students who apply but are not accepted for the class must reapply if they wish to be considered for the following class. Applications will not be considered from previous semesters.

Dyersburg State Community College
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Surgical Technology
Major and Concentration

The Surgical Technology graduate possesses the competencies necessary to assume the role of a beginning practitioner in a structured healthcare setting such as an operating room.
Below is the breakdown of general education classes and surgical technology classes that Surgical Technology students will be required to pass with a grade of a C or better to graduate from the Surgical Technology Program:

Course Number	Course Name	Course Hours
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology	3
MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics	3
BIOL 2010	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2020	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 2230	Microbiology	4
HIMT 1308	Introduction to Health-Related Professions	3
HIMT 1300	Medical Terminology	3
COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective***	3

Course Number	Course Name	Course Hours
SURG 1102	Orientation to Surgical Technology	1
SURG 1410	Surgical Technology and Patient Care	4
SURG 2310	Surgical Microbiology and Asepsis	3
SURG 2420	Surgical Patient Care II	4
SURG 1305	Surgical Pharmacology	3
SURG 2103	Clinical Practicum	1
SURG 2201	Clinical Practicum II	2
SURG 2321	Surgical Procedures	3
SURG 2420	Clinical Practicum III	3
SURG 2330	Surgical Procedures II	3

*** The Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (one course) must be completed from the following:
ART 1035, ARTH 2000, ARTH 2020, ENGL 2110, ENGL 2120, ENGL 2210, ENGL 2220, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2320, ENGL 2055, MUS 1030, PHIL 1030, PHIL 1040, PHIL 2200, or THEA 1030

Surgical Technology courses must be taken in sequence.

Dyersburg State Community College
Surgical Technology Program
Point Calculation for Admission

STUDENT WITH COLLEGE HOURS

	Your Score	Max. Possible
GPA *(GPA is based upon surgical technology curriculum general education courses only.)*		4.0
EXTRA POINT COURSES-*1 point for a grade of B or above*		
English Comp I		1.0
Human Anatomy & Physiology I		1.0
Intro. Statistics		1.0
Total		_____