



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SESSION

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Application period: September 15-October 15

Program Start: January 2027 for the first cohort. Every August moving forward.

Program Length: Approximately 18 months.

Admission Policy: Competitive

Location: Medical Education Campus.
Springfield, VA



WHAT SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS DO

- ▶ An allied health professional who prepares the operating room, maintains a sterile environment, and assists surgeons and nurses during operations.
- ▶ They may work in hospitals, surgery centers, and office-based labs under the direct supervision of a physician.
- ▶ For salary information visit [Glassdoor.com](https://www.glassdoor.com) under salaries and type in surgical technologist in your area.



SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) outlines technical standards and essential core skills that students and Certified Surgical Technologists (CSTs) must meet for safe clinical practice.

Please visit

[https://www.ast.org/AboutUs/Surgical
Technologists Responsibilities](https://www.ast.org/AboutUs/Surgical_Technologists_Responsibilities) to see if
you meet the physical, communication,
and mental standards set by AST.



Applying to nova

Apply to NOVA or reapply if it has been more than 3 semesters since you attended.

Select the Health Sciences Associate of Science degree to complete prerequisites.

Note your Student ID number – you need this number for all services at the college.

Find your myNOVA login for enrolling in classes on the Student Information System (SIS).

Fall semester (Aug to Dec) | Spring semester (Jan – May) | Summer semester (May – Aug).

REGISTERING FOR CLASS



Students must complete all pre-requisites before registering for classes.

If you are applying in September 2026 SUR100 will be pending completion.



Students may take final prerequisites at NOVA and apply if classes end by the deadline.



Pay attention to the Payment Due Date each semester. Students may be dropped for non-payment by the college and can lose their classes.

View the [NOVA Academic Calendar](#) for important dates

View the [NOVA Schedule of Classes](#) to find available classes

Get help with how to [add, drop, or search classes on SIS](#)

View current [Tuition Rates & Costs](#) and get help with [Tuition Payment Options](#)

ST PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

View the Information Session.

Complete VCCS Common Application.

Cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Complete the following courses with a “C” or higher:

- ENG11
- SDV100/101
- BIO141
- HLT141
- SUR100 (pending for September 2026 applications)

Apply September 15 – October 15 after all requirements have been met.

COURSES USED TO RANK STUDENTS

- ▶ The grade students receive in the following course will be used to rank students in the application process.
 - ▶ *BIO141*
 - ▶ *HLT141*
 - ▶ *SUR100 (pending for September 2026)*

GENERAL EDUCATION

- ▶ The **completion** of the following courses with a grade of “C” or better, will be used to rank students in the application process. The grade a student receives in these courses will not affect the students rank in the application process.
 - ▶ *BIO142*
 - ▶ *PSY230 or SOC200*
 - ▶ *PHI220*

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.

- ▶ Only 10 students will be accepted into the first cohort.
- ▶ Eligible applicants are ranked by:
 - ▶ *Final grades in BIO141, HLT141, and SUR100 (pending September 2026).*
 - ▶ *Completion of General Education credits.*
 - ▶ *Healthcare **CLINICAL** experience. (Work experience form with signatures from former employers will be required).*
 - ▶ *Letters of recommendations will be reviewed and submitted with Work Experience form.*
 - ▶ *Applicants may reapply if they still meet the current requirements. Priority will not be given to students who are reapplying.*

DOMICILE ADMISSION POLICY

- ▶ Do you live outside Virginia? Did you recently move to Virginia but have an out-of-state tuition status? Do you live in another [VCCS service area](#) whose college has a Surgical Technology program? Are you an F1 international student?

All students who have met the required prerequisites may apply to the program. However, out-of-area, out-of-state, and F1 international students should note the **Domicile Admission Policy for Limited Enrollment Programs**.

- ▶ “Due to limited laboratory, classroom and/or clinical space, certain Health Sciences and Nursing programs have restricted enrollment. As stated in the NOVA catalog, Health Sciences and Nursing students are accepted on either a competitive or a first-come/first-served basis with priority given to:
 - ▶ *Legal residents domiciled in the cities and counties supporting the College*
 - ▶ *Other Virginia legal residents*
 - ▶ *Out-of-state applicants*
 - ▶ *International students requiring Form I-20*
- ▶ Category 1 may include areas in which clinical affiliates have contractual agreements with NOVA or students from other VCCS service areas whose community college does not offer the specific program.”
- ▶ This policy is established by the Virginia Community College System and is stated in section 6.0.5 Admission Priorities of the [VCCS Policy Manual](#). View the [Eligibility for In-State Tuition](#) requirements.

TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION

If you took classes or have a previous degree from outside NOVA, you may request [Transfer Credit Evaluation](#) to find out what prerequisites may already be met. You must have already applied to NOVA and have an account.

Evaluations may take up to 12 weeks

- Submit official transcripts to the [NOVA College Records Office](#).
- Students transferring from another VCCS school only need Form 125-049; no transcript needed.
- Submit military transcripts to the [Office of Military and Veteran Services](#).
- International transcripts must first be evaluated by an [international evaluation agency](#).
- Submit [Form 125-049 Transfer Credit Evaluation Request](#).
- Applicants requesting evaluation close to the deadline accept the risk it may not be done in time.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Check the [NOVA Transfer Database](#) to see if your college and classes are already listed.

Click on Transfer Evaluation System.

Find your college or university (listed alphabetically).

Scroll through the classes to see if your class is listed and how it transfers to NOVA.

The transfer database is continuously updated so request evaluation even if your class is not there.

Check your [Transfer Credit Report](#) to verify needed credit is posted

Received EEE credit? Email MECCounseling@nvcc.edu to request a [course substitution](#); allow 10 days for processing

Trying to enroll on SIS but the class prerequisite was taken outside NOVA? Submit a [Course Prerequisite Waiver Form](#)

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ST PROGRAM APPLICATION



Have you met all ST application requirements? Apply September 15 to October 15

Verify your name, address, phone number, and email are [correct on SIS](#) before applying.

Update the [Enrollment Services Office](#) of any citizenship, visa, or domicile changes before applying.

Fill out the [online application](#) and select Surgical Technology.



Applicants under the age of 18 may apply to the program after meeting requirements if they will turn 18 by February 20th, 2027. If the 18th birthday falls after that date, applicants must wait until the following year after turning 18 to apply.



The ST Application review timeframe is dependent on the number of applications received. Please allow 4 to 8 weeks from the deadline to receive final notification from the ST Department. All applicants are notified at the same time to their VCCS student email.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS



Clinical requirements must be completed by the start of the program and include:

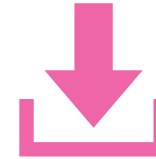
completing a physical with required vaccinations (flu shot due in September).

completing [American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider CPR](#).

submitting proof of personal [health insurance](#) required by clinical affiliates.



Instructions on how to complete items are provided on the ST Canvas Site.



[Download the NOVA Health Sciences Physical Form 125-007](#)

ST PROGRAM EXPENSES

- ▶ Tuition
 - ▶ *In state - \$232.05 per credit.*
 - ▶ *Out of state - \$480.40 per credit.*
- ▶ Textbooks
 - ▶ *Varies from semester to semester*
- ▶ Scrubs
 - ▶ *Tops - \$25 Bottom - \$25*
 - ▶ *Patch - \$15*
 - ▶ *Name Tag - \$16*

ST PROGRAM SPRING 2027

SCHEDULE

Monday :

- SUR135 8am – 10am
- SUR140 11am-2pm

Wednesday

- SUR145Lab Part1 8am – 12:30pm

Thursday

- SUR145Lab Part 2 8am - 12:30pm

ST PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Full-time, 18-month program. (First cohort may be longer due to accreditation process.)

Daytime classes held Monday to Friday.

Cannot be completed online or on a part-time basis.

Lectures & labs are held at the Medical Education Campus in Springfield, Virginia.

Clinicals are completed at different sites in the Northern Virginia/DC metro area.

Students should work 20 hours or less during the program.

Employment and personal obligations must be flexible and scheduled around classes.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

NOVA's Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
Education Programs
9355 - 113th St. N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775
(727) 210-2350 | www.caahep.org

The program is undergoing initial accreditation.



ST LABS AND CLINICALS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to attend clinicals.

Students complete preclinical activities on campus for the first six weeks for basic clinical training and preparation.

Students may be exposed to infectious diseases, terminally ill and combative patients, vomit, urine, feces, blood, needles, or other medical hazards.

Students must be prepared to learn aseptic technique and hands-on positioning while working with classmates and patients of different backgrounds, beliefs, religions, or genders.

Clinical locations are assigned; students must be able and willing to travel to any assigned site.

GRADUATION AND CERTIFICATION

- ▶ Graduates will earn an Associates of Applied Sciences in Surgical Technology.
- ▶ Students will sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam.
 - ▶ *Administered by NBSTSA*
 - ▶ *Exam is taken off campus at designated testing site.*
 - ▶ *Cost: \$290 for AST members. \$340 for non-members.*



INFORMATION SESSION CODE

- This code will not be used for September 2026 – October 2026 application period.
- Record this code in the Information Session Code field on the online application.
- Type the code EXACTLY as written.
- No spaces and no capital letters.

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STUDENT RESOURCES

Email, chat, live Zoom video conference,
or in-person academic advising is available

[View College Advising Contacts and Hours](#)

[View the New to NOVA Enrollment Guide](#)

[View Student Resources](#)

[View Student Life Resources](#)

For more information regarding admissions
contact meccounseling@nvcc.edu

