



Certificate of Achievement / Associate Degree Program SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY



About This Program

Carrington College's Surgical Technology program encompasses the academic and clinical instruction necessary for graduates to perform the entry-level duties of a surgical technologist. Students are expected to participate in a minimum of 120 surgical cases by the end of the program, which culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or Associate of Science degree.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at carrington.edu/cc/st.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

General Education Coursework

In this Carrington College degree program, students complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Computer literacy
- Mathematics
- Communication skills
- Social sciences

Technical Coursework

The Surgical Technology program comprises the study of microbiology, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, surgical procedures, instrumentation and techniques, preoperative and postoperative routines and care of surgical patients. Terms one through three consist of classroom instruction on theory and principles of surgical technology and lab instruction with surgical-technology skills practice. Term four is the clinical rotation component during which students practice skills and theory in a clinical-site operating room.

Total coursework for certificate (credit hours)	59
Total general education course work (credit hours)	21
Total credit hours required for associate degree*	80
Certificate Program Length	64 weeks (not including breaks)
Degree Program Length	82 weeks (not including breaks)

Students may also need to meet admission and/or progression requirements, including drug screening and background checks.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.



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Careers in Surgical Technology

Surgical technologists assist in surgical operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses or other surgical personnel. They are members of operating room teams, which are usually also made up of surgeons, anesthesiologists and circulating nurses.

Prior to surgery, surgical technologists help prepare the operating room by setting up instruments, equipment and sterile drapes. They also get patients ready by preparing incision sites and help the surgical team put on sterile gowns and gloves. During surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons and surgical assistants and help prepare specimens for laboratory analysis. Graduates of this Carrington College program may find entry-level employment as surgical technologists in health care settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Outpatient care centers
- Physicians' offices

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Surgical Technology program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge required to be a competent surgical technologist in a variety of settings, including hospitals, outpatient surgical facilities and other appropriate sites
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

The Surgical Technology program at the Citrus Heights and San Jose campuses 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 (CAAHEP, 25400 US Highway 19N, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33756, 727 210 2350, www.caahep.org/). The program at the Citrus Heights campus has been placed on Probationary Accreditation as of September 16, 2016.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Surgical Technology program is offered to new students at:

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA SAN JOSE, CA