# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

**Program Number:** 10-512-1
Associate of Applied Science Degree
**Campus:** Fond du Lac
This program is eligible for financial aid (http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/)
Full-Time Enrollment Only

Stay local or take your career nationwide (or even abroad) with an in-demand health care career in surgical technology with an associate degree from Moraine Park Technical College.

## About the Program

Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who prepare operating rooms, arrange equipment and assist doctors during surgeries.

Moraine Park Surgical Technology students learn the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique, human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation of tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

Students gain hands-on experience through two semesters of clinical work, and are required to complete a minimum of 120 clinical cases to graduate.

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org (http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of Accreditation Review Council for Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

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www.caahep.org (http://www.caahep.org/)

## What You'll Learn

Surgical technology students learn the basic principles and best practices of working in the peri-operative environment, how to maintain a safe and sterile surgical environment, how to provide a safe and supportive environment for the patient, how to prep patients, operating rooms and surgical teams for the preoperative phase, and how to perform intraoperative and postoperative case management.

## Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable**, **accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Additional Information

**Certification Disclosure:** Moraine Park's Surgical Technology program prepares students to obtain the educational requirements to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist Examination. See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/professional-licensure/) for more details.

Certifying Organization: National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (https://www.nbstsa.org/)

Clinical experiences, evaluations, and attendance at and completion of the scheduled CST exam are exit assessment graduation requirements for the program.

In 2024, 100% of graduates passed the Outcomes Assessment Exam.

## Admission Process

Standard Admissions (http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/) steps details

This program also requires:

- Health Requirements
- Criminal Background Check

## Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/) page for more information.

## Approximate Costs

**NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.**

**Tuition**

Occupational

- $152.85 per credit (resident)
- $229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- $192.20 per credit (resident)
- $288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

**Student Fees**

- $5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- $13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- $4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and equipment. Financial aid (https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) can assist with those costs.

## Course Requirements

| Course | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| **Academic Preparedness Requirements** | | |
| 801-136 | English Composition 1 | 3 |
| 806-177 | General Anatomy and Physiology | 4 |
| | **Credits** | **7** |
| **Semester 1** | | |
| 103-159 | Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office | 1 |
| 501-101 | Medical Terminology | 3 |
| 512-125 | Intro to Surgical Technology | 4 |
| 512-126 | Surgical Technology Fundamentals 1 | 4 |
| 512-127 | Exploring Surgical Issues | 2 |
| 890-101 | College 101 | 2 |
| | **Credits** | **16** |
| **Semester 2** | | |
| 512-128 | Surgical Technology Fundamentals 2 | 4 |
| 512-129 | Surgical Pharmacology | 2 |
| 512-130 | Surgical Skills Application | 2 |
| 806-197 | Microbiology | 4 |
| | **Credits** | **12** |
| **Semester 3** | | |
| 512-131 | Surgical Interventions 1 | 4 |
| 512-132 | Surgical Technology Clinical 1 | 3 |
| 512-133 | Surgical Technology Clinical 2 | 3 |
| Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/communications/) | | 3 |
| Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/) | | 3 |
| | **Credits** | **16** |
| **Semester 4** | | |
| 512-135 | Surgical Technology Clinical 3 | 3 |
| 512-136 | Surgical Technology Clinical 4 | 3 |
| 512-142 | Surgical Interventions II | 4 |
| Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/) | | 3 |
| | **Credits** | **13** |
| | **Total Credits** | **64** |

## Program Outcomes

- Apply health care and technological science principles to the peri-operative environment.
- Maintain principles of sterile technique in the surgical environment.
- Provide a safe, efficient and supportive environment for the patient.
- Prepare the patient, operating room, and surgical team for the preoperative phase.
- Perform intraoperative case management in the scrub role.
- Perform postoperative case management.
- Function as an ethical, legal and professional member of the health care team as determined by governing bodies.

## Additional Program Requirements

Surgical Technology program students are required to meet the following CAAHEP and ARC/STSA Accreditation criteria for graduation: Completion of 120 Surgery Experience cases as established according to CAAHEP and ARC/STSA Clinical Student Scrub Roles (http://libs.morainepark.edu/docs/academic-affairs/program-information/clinical-student-scrub-roles-accessible.pdf), Clinical Experience Surgery Case Requirements (http://libs.morainepark.edu/docs/academic-affairs/program-information/clinical-surgical-rotation-case-requirements-accessible.pdf), and final completion of the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) exam.

## Career Opportunities

- Surgical Technologist Scrub Role
- Central Supply Technologist
- Surgical Technologist/Private Scrub
- Second Assisting Technologist (with additional education Surgical First Assistant)
- Laser/Endoscopic Technologist
- Tissue/Organ Procurement
- GI Technologist
- OB Technologist

## Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

$51,954