The Surgical Technology Program at MiraCosta College is a full-time, 3-semester program, which meets Monday through Wednesday during the day in the spring semester, two 8-hour days per week for six weeks in the summer and Monday through Thursday during the day and/or evening in the fall semester. Note: Hours and days are subject to change according to scheduling needs.

Prerequisites – all prerequisites must be completed with a passing grade of “C” or better.

- **Nursing 151** – Body Systems Survey for Health Professionals or Anatomy (BIO210) or Physiology (BIO220).
- **Nursing 155** – Basic Medical Terminology
- **Pharmacology 100** – Basic Pharmacology. Please note: the prerequisite for PHAR100 is MATH20 or qualification through the Math Competency Exam.

Career Opportunities

Surgical technologists are allied health professionals, who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings. The surgical technologist works under the supervision of a surgeon to ensure that the operating room environment is safe, the equipment functions properly, and the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

The Surgical Technology Program will prepare individuals to work primarily in the operating room. Employment opportunities are also available in surgical centers, labor and delivery rooms, cast rooms, emergency departments, ambulatory care areas and central supply departments. According to the Association of Surgical Technologists, the average salary for surgical technologists in the State of California is $35,000 - $40,000 annually.

Certificate/Associate Degree

Upon completion of the program, students will earn a 38-unit certificate in surgical technology. Students may receive a 60-unit associate degree upon completion of additional general education course and other requirements as listed in the college catalog. Students are discouraged from working fulltime while enrolled in this program.

To be eligible for the MiraCosta College Surgical Technology Program applicants must be 17 years of age or older and have the following:

- Official transcripts of high school graduation OR an official transcript of a bachelor’s or associate degree from an accredited college (transcript request from is available in packet) OR official score report for GED or High School Proficiency Examination. If you are not a high school graduate, or do not have a record of GED, your application will be considered incomplete. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by [http://www.iertf.org/](http://www.iertf.org/) to show U.S. equivalency of 12th grade education. The

Admissions & Records Office does not validate foreign transcripts;
- Official transcripts of prerequisite courses
- MiraCosta Student ID number

For applicants who are notified that they have been accepted for enrollment in the program there are three additional requirements: A. Health Requirements: Applicants selected for enrollment in the program must have a physical examination, laboratory tests, and immunizations just prior to starting the surgical technology program. The student must be free from communicable diseases, infections, and must be able to perform the essential requirements of the program with or without reasonable accommodations for disability.

ALL surgical technology students will be required to complete the background check and urine drug screen BEFORE BEGINNING THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM IN SAN DIEGO - THIS IS A HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE AGENCY REQUIREMENT. Students will be given the information to obtain these requirements at the orientation and advisement. Background Check - American Data Bank (ADB) [www.sdnhbackground.com](http://www.sdnhbackground.com)

Application Process

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis and students will be added to the established list. Complete applications packets must be submitted in person to the Allied Health Secretary in Bldg. T420.

Expenses

Students who are California residents should plan to spend approximately $1,800.00 for tuition, fees, supplies, uniforms, books, a background screening test, and test fees. Since the clinical portion of the program may be offered at hospitals and clinical facilities in North San Diego, Riverside and Orange Counties, students must have reliable transportation to these sites and should budget for these expenses. Scholarships and loans are available for qualified students. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further details. [www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/Surgicaltechnology/index.htm](http://www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/Surgicaltechnology/index.htm)

Courses listed in this flyer are subject to change. Please check requirements with the department chair or MiraCosta College counselor. MiraCosta College is committed to providing equal education not limited to, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital or parental status, disability, age, sexual orientation or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. Individuals with verifiable disabilities may be accommodated with advance notice.

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NAME__________________________________________STUDENT ID NO. ______________________

LAST     FIRST     MIDDLE

ADDRESS _______________________________________________________________________________

NUMBER AND STREET                  CITY/STATE                  ZIP

PHONE _________________________ EMAIL _________________________

EMERG. PHONE____________________ NAME/RELATIONSHIP______________________________

U.S. CITIZEN: ☐ Yes ☐ No If you are NOT a U.S. Citizen, are you in the U.S. under an F1-Visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Country of Citizenship: ___________________________ Alien# or Visa#: __________________________

Important: If you have a change in address, phone number or email, you must contact the Nursing Office in writing. Your admission will be compromised if we are unable to reach you. You may email changes to mfore@miracosta.edu Please Initial ________________ (indicating you have read this statement)

Application Packet Check Off List:

☐ Proof of high school graduation by official high school transcript or GED OR High School Proficiency Examination results OR transcript of Bachelor’s or Associate’s degree from U.S. school. (Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an MCC approved evaluation agency to show U.S. equivalency.)

☐ Official Transcripts of Prerequisites with passing grade of “C” or better.

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PLEASE NOTE:
The courses used in this application are still subject to evaluation & approval by the College for completion of the associate’s degree. It is strongly recommended that you make an appointment with a college counselor after submitting the application to verify all General Education and Major Requirements are fulfilled before entering the program.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

I AM CURRENTLY ON THE WAIT LIST TO ATTEND THE SPRING 20_____ SEMESTER OF THE SURGICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM.

REC’D BY: ___________________________ Date ________________ Time ________________

Applicants Signature: ___________________________