We appreciate your interest in a Surgical Healthcare career.

Temple College currently offers both one-year (full time) Certificate program as well as a two-year Associates Degree in Surgical Technology. The programs provide educational and clinical experiences to develop graduates for employment opportunities. The programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) 1361 Park Street Clearwater, FL 33756 Phone: (727) 210-2350 and graduates are eligible to take the National Certification Exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 200 Littleton, CO 80120-8031 (303) 694-9262.

The program begins each Summer semester.

**Candidate Testing**
July 1, 2017 – January 26, 2018
**THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE TESTING CYCLE**
This is a Closed Program. *A maximum of 18 students are conditionally admitted annually.*

**General Information Sessions**
Details of the program are presented in information sessions offered the second Monday of each month (except May & December) at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building. No appointment is necessary. *March Information Session will be held on 3rd Monday due to Spring Break.*

**Admission Requirements**
Students desiring entrance into the Surgical Technology Program must meet the following:

1. Complete the Temple College admission procedure.  
   Note: Admission to Temple College does not constitute automatic acceptance into the Surgical Technology Program.

2. Initiate the admission process in the Surgical Technology Department.
   - Attend the Surgical Technology information session. Sessions are scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building. No appointment is necessary.
   - Schedule to take the Surgical Technology pre-entrance test (ATI TEAS/Test of Essential Academic Skills.)
     - Minimum score of 60% Composite (you must take all sections of the exam) for admission consideration to the Surgical Technology Program.
     - Testing Cycle dates-July 1, 2017 - January 26, 2018
A study guide for the ATI TEAS is available for purchase at the Temple College bookstore or may be reviewed at the Temple College Educational Assistance Center (EAC) located in the Instructional Services Center the EAC is also available for ATI TEAS preparation.

- Complete Surgical Technology Program Application. Application may be picked up in the Surgical Technology Department after taking the ATI TEAS test.

**Application Status**
All qualified applicants will be notified by mail regarding application status. Applications will be deemed ineligible if any of the stated admission requirements are missing or incomplete.

- **Qualified Candidate Accepted:**
  1. The Surgical Technology program can accept 18 students each year.
  2. Applicants are evaluated on: ATI TEAS scores; pre-requisite/corequisite courses completed and interview.
  3. The top students will be offered a conditional seat in the class. We will remove any candidate that does not comply/pass the conditional seating requirements.

**Financial Aid**
Contact the Financial Aid office at (254) 298-8321 or visit in One College Center on the main Temple College campus. **BE ADVISED** that the summer semester class SRGT 1509 may affect financial aid. It is the student’s responsibility to check with their financial aid officer regarding their own personal financial aid and class hours!

**Certification**
Graduates of the Temple College Accredited Surgical Technology Program are eligible to apply for the National Certification Exam through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA.) Only graduates from a CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) accredited program are eligible to apply for certification. Information for this process is provided prior to graduation.

**Requirements for Graduation**
- Complete all courses as required in the curriculum with a grade of “C” or better.
- Complete clinical competencies.
- Successfully pass the Surgical Technology Exit Exam.
SAFETY GUIDELINES

Latex Advisory
Health care professionals are at risk for development of latex allergy. Prospective students with documented latex allergies are required to get medical clearance from their primary care physician for participation in the clinical setting.

Blood-borne Pathogens
Health care professionals are at risk for exposure to blood-borne diseases (HIV, HB, Hep C.) Therefore, all students will be required to have up-to-date immunizations to include Hep B Vaccine (3 injections) prior to direct patient care.

Criminal Background History Checks and Fingerprinting
Criminal background history checks/fingerprinting will be required prior to entrance into the program as well as clinical rotations. Failure to give permission could result in dismissal from the program. It may be necessary to dismiss students from the program if they are barred from the healthcare facility.

Drug Testing
“For cause” drug testing may be required and/or administered at any time by Temple College or any healthcare facility associated with Temple College. Failure to give permission could result in dismissal from the program. It may be necessary to dismiss students from the program if they are barred from the healthcare facility. Additional information is located in the Temple College Catalog and Student Handbook. You will be required to take and pass an 11 panel drug screen prior to be allowed into any clinical facility.

CPR Certification
Provide documentation of successful completion of CPR course designed for health care providers (e.g. Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health Care Providers from the American Heart Association) prior to entrance into the program. (We do not accept Red Cross or online CPR training of any kind/source.)

Student Work Policy
All students activities associated with the curriculum are to be educational in nature. There is no payment to students for work conducted at the clinical facilities. Students are assigned to the clinical facilities for educational purposes only. They are not to be substituted for paid personnel within the institution in the capacity of a surgical technologist. This is clearly understood by all clinical representatives. Occasionally in the last semester, students are provided the opportunity to take total charge of the case, but an employed staff member must be readily available for supervision and direction.

There is no policy in effect for students regarding outside work after school hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Temple College
Surgical Technology Department
Health Science Center (2nd Floor)
2400 South First Street
Temple, Texas 76504

1-254-298-8651
1-800-460-4636 Ext. 8651
www.templejc.edu
Temple College
Surgical Technology Program

Admission Checklist for Consideration for the Surgical Technology Program


☐ 2. Attend Surgical Technology Information Session. Sessions are scheduled for the second Monday of each month (except May & December) at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building. No appointment is necessary. *March session dates fluctuate due to Spring Break; call the office for March dates

☐ 3. Complete the Surgical Technology pre-entrance test ATI TEAS (all sections). Testing Dates: 07/01/17 – 01/26/18

   To sign up for the test you need to:

   First: Pay $65.00 at the Cashier’s Office, One College Centre.

   Second: Take the receipt and picture I.D. to the Testing Center

   Optional: An ATI TEAS Study Guide is available for review at the Temple College Education Assistance Center or for purchase at the Temple College bookstore.

   The Temple College Educational Assistance Center is also available for TEAS preparation.

☐ 4. Submit a Surgical Technology Program application after taking the ATI TEAS along with any *Official transcripts. This application can be picked up at the Surgical Technology Department, second floor Health Sciences Building, East Campus.

   *If you have college/university credits that may apply toward the Surgical Technology Curriculum, you need to submit official transcripts of all applicable course work to the Surgical Technology Program as well as the Admissions & Records office.

We appreciate your interest in the Temple College Surgical Technology Program.
Physical Requirements for a Surgical Technologist

The physical requirements, as listed below are to be utilized as a guideline for any student considering the profession as a surgical technologist. These requirements are basic physical demands required of the student in order to successfully complete the surgical technology educational process and assume responsibilities as a surgical technologist. This list is not all inclusive, but is designed as a preliminary physical evaluation with anticipation of entering the surgical technology profession.

The surgical technologist must be able to:

1. Stand, bend, stoop, and/or sit for long periods of time in one location with minimum/no breaks.
2. Lift a minimum of 20 pounds
3. Refrain from nourishments or rest room breaks for periods up to 6 hours
4. Demonstrate sufficient visual ability to load a fine (10-0) suture onto needles and needle holders with/without corrective lenses while wearing safety glasses.
5. Demonstrate sufficient peripheral vision to anticipate and function while in the surgical environment
6. Hear and understand muffled communication without visualization of the communicator’s mouth/lips and within 20 feet.
7. Hear activation/warning signals on equipment
8. Detect odors sufficient to maintain environmental safety and patient needs
9. Manipulate instruments, supplies, and equipment with speed, dexterity, and good eye-hand coordination.
10. Ambulate/move around without assistive devices.
11. Assist with and/or lift, move, position and manipulate with or without assistive devices, the patient who is unconscious
12. Communicate and understand fluent English both verbally and in writing.
13. Be free of reportable communicable diseases and chemical abuse
14. Demonstrate immunity to rubella, rubeola, tuberculosis, and hepatitis B, or be vaccinated against these diseases, or be willing to sign a waiver of release of liability with regard to these diseases.
15. Possess short and long term memory sufficient to perform tasks such as, but not limited to, mentally tracking surgical supplies and performing anticipation skills intraoperatively.
16. Make appropriate judgment decisions
17. Demonstrate the use of positive coping skills under stress
18. Demonstrate calm an defective responses, especially in emergency situations
19. Exhibit positive interpersonal skills in patient, staff and faculty interactions

**TEMPLE COLLEGE**
**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

*Estimated Costs*

*Health Science Fee Schedule for SRGT Classes*

**2017-2018**

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| **Fall Semester 2016** | | |
| | In-District | Out-of-District | Out of State |
| Tuition & Fees (15 Credit Hours) | 1,405.00 | 2,455.00 | $3,655 |
| Books | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| **TOTAL** | 1,580.00 | 2,630.00 | 3,830.00 |

| **Spring Semester 2017** | | |
| | In-District | Out-of-District | Out of State |
| *Tuition & Fees (13 Credit Hours)* | 1,457.00 | 2,367.00 | 2,499 |
| Books | 130.00 | 130.00 | 130.00 |
| Graduation (Cap & Gown) | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| **TOTAL** | 1,652.00 | 2,562.00 | 2,694.00 |
| **Estimated Yearly Total** | **$5,322.00** | **$7,632.00** | **$9,364.00** |

*Tuition and fees are for Surgical Technology courses only. Prerequisite and co-requisite academic courses are NOT figured into the tuition fees above.*

*Includes National Certification Exam Fee*

**Health Care Insurance** – It is strongly recommended to have some form of medical insurance coverage. Medical insurance is available through student coverage at TC for the entire year. Insurance forms are available at One College Centre

**Travel to Clinicals** - Each student is responsible for transportation to/from clinical sites located in Temple/Killeen/Harker Heights.