



Train for a rewarding career in Surgical Technology



Surgical Technologists assist in operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other licensed surgical personnel. They help set up the operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

Before the surgeon scrubs in, the surgical technologist will prepare the operating room and create a sterile field. Surgical technologists set instruments out on the tables for the procedures. They will cover the patient with drapes and prepare medications and sterile solutions, and, they may position the patient on the table. After procedures, surgical technologists may transfer the patient to the recovery room and restock the operating room.

Instruction includes an extensive clinical rotation to give students hands-on experience in a surgical environment.



Training Today for a Better Tomorrow



Hands-On Training

Students Learn To:

- Properly assemble surgical instruments and equipment
- Create and maintain a sterile field
- Anticipate the surgeons needs during operation
- Provide pre, intra and post-operative care
- Safely handle and care for specimens



Credential and Professional Certifications

Graduates of this program earn an Associate of Science degree and the following certifications: CPR, HIPAA, and Blood Borne Pathogens. Graduates are also eligible to apply to the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) national certification exam.*

Bakersfield and Fresno Campuses

The Surgical Technology program offered on SJVC's Bakersfield and Fresno campuses is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA).

Rancho Cordova and Temecula Campuses

The Surgical Technology program on SJVC's Rancho Cordova and Temecula campuses is new and not yet accredited. Both campuses are in the process of emerging accreditation and students are allowed to sit for the NBSTSA Comprehensive (Secure) CST Practice Exam.**

*Graduates who pass the certification exam are authorized to use the credential Certified Surgical Technologist (CST).

Accrediting Bodies

ARC-STSA

6 W. Dry Creek Circle, Ste. 110
Littleton, CO 80120
(303) 694-9262 | <http://www.arcstsa.org>

CAAHEP

25400 US Highway 19 N, Suite 158
Clearwater, FL 33763
(727) 210 2350 | <http://www.caahep.org>

**While the program offered on both the Rancho Cordova and Temecula campuses is in the process of emerging accreditation, students are allowed to sit for the NBSTSA Comprehensive (Secure) CST Practice Exam. When or if the program obtains CAAHEP Initial Accreditation status, then graduates will be eligible to apply to sit for the CST national certification exam.

Career Information

Surgical technologists work under the supervision of a surgeon, registered nurse, or other licensed surgical personnel in a clean, brightly lit environment, communicating with the other surgical staff. They stand for most of the day and perform duties that require concentration for extended periods of time.

Surgical technologists enjoy job stability, a good salary and a flexible work schedule, including some on-call hours. They can expect to work in:

- Hospital operating rooms
- Out-patient surgery centers
- Plastic and reconstructive surgery centers
- Birthing centers
- Oral surgery centers

Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net), www.onetonline.org



Admissions Requirements

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Applicant must be in good health and physically fit
- Applicant must be age 18 by his/her expected graduation date

Applicants to the Surgical Technology program are selected based on points earned in an evaluation process that includes assessment, transcript review, professional reference and personal interview.

Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to school work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing*

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
APMT 1	Anatomy and Physiology with Medical Terminology	5.0
STC 3	Clinical Experience 1	5.0
STC 4	Clinical Experience 2	7.0
STL 1	Surgical Case Management Lab	2.0
STL 2	Basic Surgical Procedures Lab	2.0
STT 11	Introduction to Surgical Technology	5.0
STT 12	Surgical Case Management	3.0
STT 22	Basic Surgical Procedures	9.0
STT 33	Advanced Surgical Procedures	7.0
STT 44	Professional Development	6.0

General Education Courses

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
ENG 121	Reading and Composition – Part A	3.0
ENG 122	Reading and Composition – Part B	3.0
MTH 121	College Algebra – Part A	3.0
MTH 122	College Algebra – Part B	3.0
PHIL 1C	Ethics	3.0
PSY 1	General Psychology	3.0
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Total		72.0

*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

All Surgical Technology Case Requirements can be viewed from the ST 6th Edition Core Curriculum.

https://www.ast.org/uploadedFiles/Main_Site/Content/Educators/2014_Revised_Core_Curriculum_Surgical_Rotation_Case_Requirements.pdf

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 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 U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: www.accjc.org.

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC Locations

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VISALIA
559.651.2500

BAKERSFIELD
661.834.0126

HANFORD
559.584.8840

MADERA
559.302.2155

PORTERVILLE
559.853.4114

**FRESNO - TRADES
EDUCATION CENTER**
559.453.0123

ONLINE
877.367.7582

DELANO
661.778.1145

HESPERIA
760.948.1947

MODESTO
209.542.8800

RANCHO CORDOVA
916.638.7582

Program availability varies
by campus location. Please see
the catalog for details.

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