



# 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.



## 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.\*

SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

### Program Accreditation

The Surgical Technology program delivered at SJVC's Bakersfield, Fresno, Rancho Cordova and Temecula campuses 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 on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA).

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

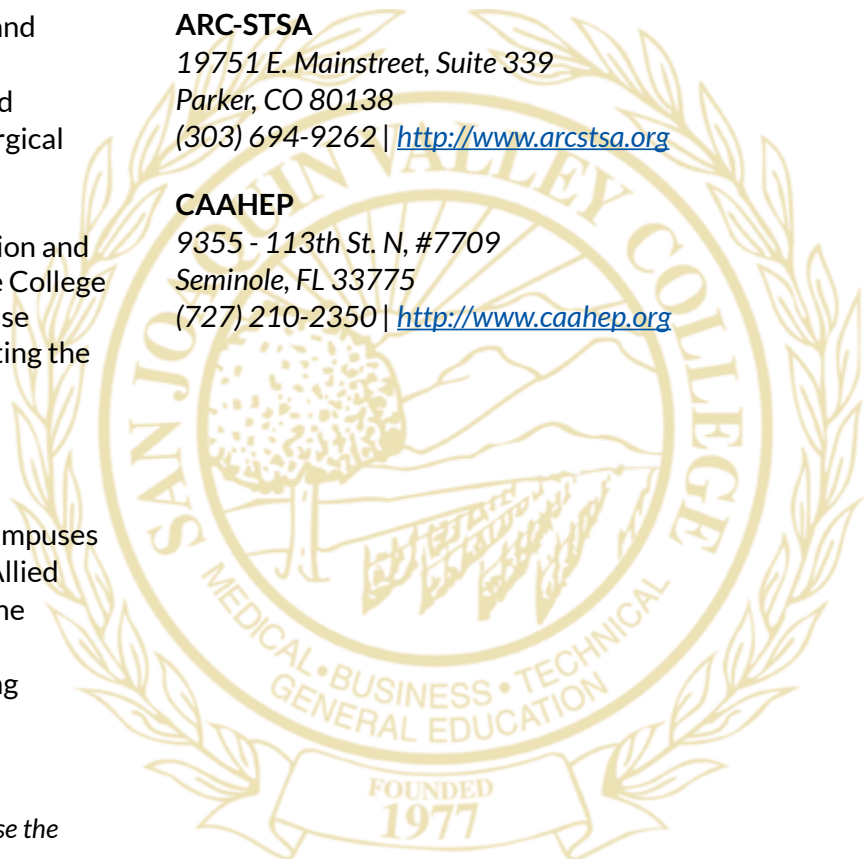
### Accrediting Bodies

#### ARC-STSA

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Parker, CO 80138  
(303) 694-9262 | <http://www.arcstsa.org>

#### CAAHEP

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Seminole, FL 33775  
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## 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](http://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
<b>Total</b>		<b>72.0</b>

\*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](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 WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510)748-9001 (<https://www.wscuc.org>). The WSCUC is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

### 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

<b>ATASCADERO</b> 805.470.7130	<b>FRESNO</b> 559.448.8282	<b>HANFORD</b> 559.584.8840	<b>MADERA</b> 559.302.2155	<b>PORTERVILLE</b> 559.853.4114	<b>SANTA MARIA</b> 805.608.3104
<b>BAKERSFIELD</b> 661.834.0126	<b>FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER</b> 559.453.0123	<b>HESPERIA</b> 760.948.1947	<b>MODESTO</b> 209.542.8800	<b>RANCHO CORDOVA</b> 916.638.7582	<b>TEMECULA</b> 951.296.6015
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Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.