

## INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of their program of study, graduates of San Joaquin Valley College will be able to demonstrate the following Institutional Learning Outcomes:

- 1. Critical Thinking**  
Demonstrate critical thinking through examination of ideas and evidence before formulating an opinion or conclusion.
- 2. Written Communication**  
Demonstrate the ability to compose coherent, supported, and sensibly structured written work.
- 3. Oral Communication**  
Demonstrate the ability to communicate verbally in an effective and professional manner.
- 4. Quantitative Reasoning**  
Demonstrate the ability to problem-solve using numerical and logical evidence.
- 5. Information Literacy**  
Demonstrate the ability to recognize, locate, evaluate, and relate information.



## CO-CURRICULAR LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of their program of study, graduates of San Joaquin Valley College will be able to demonstrate the following Co-Curricular Learning Outcomes:

- 1. Professionalism**  
Demonstrate professional behavior and effective interactions with other professionals, community members, and/or patients.
- 2. Intercultural Awareness**  
Demonstrate awareness of and responsiveness to social and cultural differences by using effective interpersonal skills.
- 3. Self-Awareness and Learning**  
Demonstrate self-awareness through reflection and the development of appropriate plans for self-directed learning and development.
- 4. Responsible Citizenship**  
Demonstrate responsible citizenship through relationship development and service to others on campus and in their community.
- 5. Leadership and Teamwork**  
Demonstrate the ability to lead, work collaboratively with others, and resolve conflict to accomplish a shared goal.



# Surgical Technology

This program is offered at **Bakersfield, Fresno, Rancho Cordova, and Temecula.**

## Program Description

The Surgical Technology program is 64 weeks in length and prepares students to facilitate invasive, therapeutic, and diagnostic surgical procedures. Students learn the theory and application of sterile techniques as well as human anatomy. Instruction includes an extensive clinical rotation to give students hands-on experience in a surgical environment.

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in cooperation with the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA).

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the successful student will be able to:

1. Complete eligibility requirements for the National Certification Exam for Surgical Technologists
2. Demonstrate knowledge of surgical technology skills by successfully accomplishing controlled learning activities
3. Employ information obtained from biological, social and psychological studies
4. Obtain and use knowledge in providing culturally fitting patient care
5. Apply acquired skills and knowledge within the clinical setting
6. Practice surgical asepsis in diverse clinical backgrounds
7. Function as a surgical team member to deliver excellence in patient care
8. Demonstrate the development and consistent application of a surgical conscience
9. Practice accountability, competence, and character demonstrative of a trained professional
10. Practice ownership of learning and maintain responsibility and self-discipline to appraise and incorporate continued learning
11. Relate and apply concepts of communication, reasoning, critical analysis, ethical behavior and appropriate interpersonal interaction to situations in his or her career and personal life
12. Demonstrate the social skills, professional appearance, attitudes and behavior that employers expect of all **SJVC** graduates



## Admission Requirements

- Applicant must be in good health and physically fit
- Applicant must be age 18 by his/her expected graduation date

Applicants are selected based on points earned in an evaluation process that includes assessment, transcript review, professional reference and personal interviews.

## Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of the courses listed below with a grade of “C” or higher in all ST courses
- Achieve the minimum requirement for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) component
- Successful completion of the Career Services Seminar (CSS100)

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