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Application Deadline: March 15

## Opportunities for men and women

With an increasing demand for surgical technologists, opportunities are plentiful. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, surgical technology is one of the fastest growing professions; demand is expected to increase 43 percent in the next five to ten years. Many hospitals offer sign-on bonuses; on-call responsibility also carries a monetary perk.

**SALARY RANGE: \$28,000 – \$33,000**

Where could you work?

- Operating rooms
- Emergency rooms
- Ambulatory surgical care centers
- Labor and delivery
- Cardiac catheterization laboratories
- Physicians' offices
- Central supply units
- Sales



## What does PSC offer you?

### • LOW TUITION

PSC is affordable. Tuition is significantly lower than public (state) universities in Illinois and private colleges and universities.

### • TRANSFER DEGREES

Start at PSC with an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts or Associate of Arts in Teaching in one of a variety of academic disciplines. Transfer to a four-year institution as a junior and save on tuition and make a smooth transition to college life.

### • TWO-YEAR CAREER DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

PSC offers the Associate in Applied Science degree and certificates in programs such as auto tech, computer science, health professions, and others. Boost earnings and career potential with a two year degree or certificate.

### • STUDENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

PSC offers academic advising, student clubs and activities, intercollegiate and intramural athletics, tutoring, service projects, music ensembles, and more.

### • TOP-NOTCH TEACHING

PSC has faculty members dedicated to teaching freshman and sophomores and focused on helping students learn with small class sizes and individual attention.

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# Surgical Technology

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## A growing field

Our society has an ever-growing need for quality health care. In particular, the staffing of operating rooms has evolved into teams of professionals including physicians, nurses, surgical technologists, and others. Surgical technologists assist in invasive surgical procedures and facilitating safe and effective patient care. They shoulder major responsibility in ensuring that operating rooms are safe and that equipment functions properly.

In response to the needs of local hospitals, PSC launched its Surgical Technology program in 2000, one of only five such programs in the Chicago area.

**Surgical Technology is one of the fastest growing professions in the U.S.**

## Faculty and classes

PSC professors have many years of professional experience, combined with the dedication to train the next generation of surgical technologists. In 2001 the program was approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs in nearly record time, an indication of the quality of the curriculum and faculty.

This accreditation entitles graduates to sit for the Surgical Technologist national certification exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology & Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). In 2004 PSC was one of only 120 colleges nationwide to receive a Merit Award from the NBSTSA; our graduates had a 100-percent pass rate on their national certification exam in 2003.

Classes are held in the Health/Tech Center. Featuring a dedicated Surgical Technology lab and classrooms equipped with modern audiovisual technology, the center also is home to the College's Dental Hygiene and Information Technology programs.

## The program: Certificate

The Surgical Technology program prepares students to work as surgical technologists in a variety of surgical settings and is based on a curriculum recommended by the Association of Surgical Technologists.

### Program Prerequisites (Spring Semester)

- Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology 4
- Medical Terminology 2

### Program Requirements (Start Fall Semester)

- Computing for College Success or SAM Computer Proficiency 1
- Microbiology for Surgical Technology 4
- Workplace Issues for Allied Health 1
- Patient Care I 2
- Patient Care II 1
- Introduction to Surgical Technology 7
- Surgical Procedures I 3
- Applied Surgical Procedures I 2
- Surgical Procedures II 3
- Applied Surgical Procedures II 3
- Surgical Procedures III 3
- Applied Surgical Procedures III 3
- Surgical Technology Seminar 1
- Applied Surgical Procedures IV 3

**Total Credit Hours 37**

## Other PSC health programs

- Dental Hygiene (A.A.S. degree)
- Fitness & Exercise (A.A.S. degree)
- Nursing (A.A.S. degree)
- Paramedicine (A.A.S. degree)
- Advanced Bedside Care Provider (Certificate)
- CNA/Nurse Assistant (Certificate)
- Emergency Medical Technician (Certificate)
- First Responder (Certificate)
- Personal Trainer (Certificate)
- R.N. Perioperative Nursing (Certificate)
- R.N. First Surgical Assistant (Certificate)

