

SALARY RANGE

Average Annual Salary--\$28,340
Salary Range--\$17,670 to \$40,310

CAREER OUTLOOK

The job forecast is good for individuals interested in surgical technology. It is estimated that career opportunities in this field will grow by an average rate of 32% over the next 10 years. This is a growth rate that is faster than the average rate for all professions in the United States. It is estimated that a total of 25,000 jobs will be open for this specialty by the year 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Surgical
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POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Surgical technologists are a part of the surgical team composed of surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses and other surgical personnel. They help the surgeon put on gloves and gowns; place instruments, supplies, and equipment on sterile tables and stands; and pass instruments and supplies to the surgeon.

Surgical technologists also assume primary responsibilities for maintaining the sterile field. They may assist surgeons in the retraction of tissues, cutting sutures, and operating special surgical equipment. Surgical technologists must work with speed, accuracy, skill and concentration. They also must work well under pressure, be able to stand for long periods of time, and respond effectively and efficiently to emergency situations.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Most surgical technologists work in hospitals, but some may work in surgical centers or physician offices.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Individuals interested in surgical technology should prepare themselves by taking high school

courses in algebra, biology, chemistry, nurse aid training, psychology, English, geometry, computer skills and health occupations/ medical professions education.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Surgical technologists receive formal training in programs that last from 9 months to 2 years. Individuals in a 2-year program are eligible to receive a certificate or an Associate Degree. Hospital based surgical technology programs last from 6 months to 1 year and are for licensed practical nurses or other health professionals with a medical background. Certification is not always required but is accomplished by passing an examination after completion of all program courses. Students interested in surgical technology should contact schools for information on admission and course of study.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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