

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

History

The Surgical Technology Program began as hospital-based program and was transferred to Our Lady of the Lake College in 1991. Student enrollment has grown from the initial five students to the present 15-20 students accepted each year. An Associate of Science Degree in Surgical Technology offers the student the opportunity for personal and professional growth. The Surgical Technologist is an integral member of the surgical team whose main duties are preparing the operating room and assisting the surgeon and other members of the surgical team.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide the student with the knowledge and skills essential for efficient and safe performance in the role of the surgical technologist. Cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills are taught and evaluated in the classroom, skills laboratory, and surgical suite. The student will practice all aspects of surgical technology in a controlled environment to adequately prepare the student prior to entering the operating room. The program will foster personal as well as professional growth by utilizing teaching methods that will encourage critical thinking and independent study.

Enrollment

Our Lady of the Lake College applications for the Surgical Technology Program are due on or before March 15th for the class beginning in the summer of that year.

Application Procedures

Contact the Office of Admissions at 225-768-1700 for information on applying to the Program and to obtain a *Request for Clinical Application Form*. It is required that this completed form be submitted to the Admissions Office prior to your receipt of an application packet. A complete list of required courses is available in the application packet or on our website at ololcollege.edu.

Tuition

See the Published Tuition & Fee Schedule in the application packet or on our website.

Financial Assistance

Our Lady of the Lake College has financial aid counselors available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASA) form.

Transferability

Credit earned at a regionally accredited college or university is transferable provided the course is equivalent in content to the course offered at Our Lady of the Lake College. Credit for college level achievement may be awarded through the CLEP and/or ACT/PEP examination

Employment Outlook

As integral members of the surgical team, Surgical Technologists are in demand as specialists in their field. Their knowledge and skills offer a variety of employment opportunities including hospital operating rooms, labor and delivery and outpatient facilities. With additional education and experience, other opportunities may become available. These include positions with private surgeons, sterile processing departments, medical sales, organ procurement agencies, purchasing departments, insurance companies, and education. With the changes in health care, the associate degree is becoming the entry level into this profession.

Accreditation

Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097) (494-679-4501) to award associate and bachelor degrees. The Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) (7108 South Alton Way, Building C, Englewood, Colorado 80112) (303-694-9262).

Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the minimum requirements for admission to the Surgical Technology Program. These are:

1. Minimum college grade point average of 2.0 or better
2. Minimum grade of C or better in all prerequisite Arts and Sciences courses in the Surgical Technology curriculum (ACSM 1110, BIOL 1110, BIOL 2310, BIOL 2310L, BIOL 2311, BIOL 2311L, BIOL 2325, BIOL 2325L, CHEM 1310, ENGL 1310, and MATH 1315)
3. Minimum grade of C or better in SURT 1110, 1310, and 1310L

Admission Process

Entrance into the program at Our Lady of the Lake College is not competitive at this time. The arts and sciences courses in the curriculum provide a foundation and indicate the applicant's potential for success. Priority is given to applicants who have completed the arts and sciences courses at a level which indicated potential for success in the program and who demonstrated understanding of the demands of the profession. The admission process is outlined in the admission application packet.

Curriculum Plan

Students interested in enrolling in the following courses are advised to have a strong high school background in English, algebra, biology and chemistry.

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CREDIT HOURS</u>
<u>SEMESTER I</u>		<u>FALL</u>	
ACSM	1110	Academic Seminar	1
ENGL	1310	English I	3
CHEM	1310	Introduction to Chemistry	3
BIOL	1110	Medical Terminology	1
BIOL	2310	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL	2310L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
SURT	1110	Introduction to Surgical Technology	<u>1</u>
			13
<u>SEMESTER II</u>		<u>SPRING</u>	
MATH	1315	College Algebra	3
BIOL	2311	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL	2311L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
BIOL	2325	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3
BIOL	2325L	Fundamentals of Microbiology Lab	1
SURT	1310	Fundamentals of Surgical Technology	3
SURT	1310L	Fundamentals of Surgical Technology Lab	<u>1</u>
			15
<u>SEMESTER III</u>		<u>SUMMER</u>	
SURT	1710	Surgical Procedures I	3
SURT	1711	Surgical Procedures II	3
SURT	1720	Surgical Procedures Lab	<u>2</u>
			8
<u>SEMESTER IV</u>		<u>FALL</u>	
SURT	2710	Surgical Procedures III	3
SURT	2720	Surgical Procedures Practicum I	7
PSYC	1310	Introductory Psychology	<u>3</u>
			13
<u>SEMESTER V</u>		<u>SPRING</u>	
SURT	2721	Surgical Procedures Practicum II	9
*PHIL	2315	Current Moral Problems	3
*PHIL	2320	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3
*RELS	1310	Introduction or Religious Studies	<u>3</u>
			12
* Select one			
Arts and Sciences Courses			29
Surgical Technological Courses			<u>32</u>
TOTAL			61

Our Lady of the Lake College assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status in the admission to, participation in, or employment in its programs and activities. Our Lady of the Lake College will make reasonable special services and accommodations for students with learning or physical disabilities. Students desiring to self-identify may complete a Special Needs Assessment form available from any office at the college