



Future Intended Program: Surgical Technology Degree (ST13)

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Pre-Surgical Technology Admission Requirements

Program Specific

- Competitive GPA must be at least a 3.0 in the Courses Required for Competitive Selection (100% of the evaluation process)
- Offered at Murphy campus

Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track

Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA= Fall; SP=Spring SU=Summer

Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange, and Online

✓	Grade	Courses Required for Competitive Selection	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	
		PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	ALL	3	
		MATH 1111 College Algebra	ALL	3	Substitutions: MATH 1113, MATH 1131 or MATH 1132
		*ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology	ALL	2	
		*BIOL 2113 Anatomy & Physiology I	ALL	3	Corequisite: BIOL 2113L
		*BIOL 2113L Anatomy & Physiology Lab I	ALL	1	Corequisite: BIOL 2113
		*BIOL 2114 Anatomy & Physiology II	ALL	3	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L; Corequisite: BIOL 2114L
		*BIOL 2114L Anatomy & Physiology Lab II	ALL	1	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L; Corequisites: BIOL 2114

All 8 Courses above must be completed with a "C" or higher and before the Application Deadline.

The 8 courses are used to calculate your competitive GPA. Minimum GPA= 3.0.

***BIOL and ALHS courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.**

***BIOL lecture and labs must be completed in the same semesters.**

✓	Grade	Courses Required before ST Cohort Start (The following courses must be completed before starting program)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		*BIOL 2117 Introduction to Microbiology	ALL	3	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite: BIOL 2117L
		*BIOL 2117L Introduction to Microbiology Lab	ALL	1	Prerequisites: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L Corequisite: BIOL 2117

***BIOL courses must be completed within 7 years of the program/cohort start date.**

***BIOL lecture and labs must be completed in the same semester.**

✓	Grade	Courses Required before ST Cohort Start The following courses must be completed before starting program	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
		Additional 3 credit hours (Area I, II, III or IV)	ALL	3	Choose One See catalog for a breakout of General Core Areas¹
		Area IV Choose One: ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities ENGL 2110 World Literature ENGL 2130 American Literature ENGL 2310 English Literature RELG 1101 World Religions	ALL ALL FA, SP ALL ALL ALL FA, SP ALL	3	Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101 Prerequisite: ENGL 1101
Always check online https://www.westgatech.edu/ and meet with your Advising Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

Admission Criteria for Surgical Technology Degree (ST13)

Admission to West Georgia Technical College's Health Sciences and Nursing diploma and degree programs is based on a competitive selection process. There are minimum requirements for admission to individual Health Sciences and Nursing programs, and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

Non-Georgia residents shall be enrolled on a space-available basis and shall not displace any student desiring to enroll who is a resident of the state. This applies to programs with limited seating, such as competitive selection Health Sciences and Nursing programs and programs that have a waiting list. Please refer to the [In-State Residency section²](#) of the catalog for more information regarding residency status. Learn more about [Health Sciences³](#) and [Nursing⁴](#) programs. Be sure to review the [General Competitive Selection Procedures⁵](#) and [Competitive Selection Program Statistics⁶](#).

Competitive Selection Deadline

- The Surgical Technology program will admit once each year at the Murphy Campus.
- Application opens for submission on August 1st and closes on the deadline September 1st with a Spring semester cohort start date.

Competitive Selection Requirements

- Must attend Mandatory Information session with WGTC Advising Coach.
- Must be admitted to the College in Good Academic Standing and Regular Status.
- Non-Georgia residents will be considered in the competitive selection process on a space available basis.
- Must complete the eight (8) required courses and labs with a minimum grade of C or higher and have at least a 3.0 competitive GPA.
 - ENGL 1101, PSYC 1101, MATH 1111, ALHS 1090, BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114, and BIOL 2114L are used to calculate the competitive GPA.
 - BIOL and ALHS courses must be completed within seven (7) years of the program cohort start date
- Must possess a current CPR Certification through the American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers (BLS-Basic Life Support).

¹ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2023-2024/student-catalog/academic-programs/associate-degrees/>

² <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/student-catalog/admissions/admissions-requirements-for-applicants/>

³ <https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/health-services/>

⁴ <https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/nursing/>

⁵ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/student-catalog/admissions/health-sciences-and-nursing-programs-general-procedures/>

⁶ <https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/Competitive-Selection-Statistical-Data-2023-1.pdf>

- A copy of current CPR Certification must be attached to the Competitive Selection File Review Request Form. Online CPR Certification will not be accepted.

Right on Track Playbook Worksheet-At a Glance

1. **Campus and Deadline:** Murphy Campus: September 1st deadline for Spring cohort start
 - *Must complete the required 8 courses by the end of Summer Semester*
2. **Write the classes you need take each semester:**

(Circle the appropriate semester and add the year)



Starting Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

2nd Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

3rd Semester – if needed – (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

4th Semester – if needed – (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

5th Semester – if needed – (Fall/Spring/Summer 202__)

3. **Do you have your CPR certification? Yes or No**

CPR certified (American Heart Association for Healthcare Provider BLS)

4. **Are you going for any bonus points? Yes or No**

✓ Check off the class once you have it accounted for on the left side:

- ENGL 1101 (3 credit hrs)
- PSYC 1101 (3 credit hrs)
- MATH 1111 (3 credit hrs)
- ALHS 1090 (2 credit hrs) **Medical Terminology**
- BIOL 2113 (3 credit hrs) **Anatomy and Physiology 1**
- BIOL 2113L (1 credit hr) **Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab**
- BIOL 2114 (3 credit hrs) **Anatomy and Physiology 2**
[Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]
- BIOL 2114L (1 credit hr) **Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab**
[Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]

GPA must be *at least* a 3.0 in these 8 courses
(100% of the evaluation process)

Calculate your Competitive GPA:

GPA Calculator: <https://gpacalculator.net/college-gpa-calculator/> Use "A," "B," or "C" only, no "D"s or (+) or (-)

Current Competitive GPA= _____

Courses required before the Cohort Starts:

- BIOL 2117 (3 credit hrs) [Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]
- BIOL 2117L 1 credit hr [Prereq: BIOL 2113 & 2113L]
- **Area IV Core Class** (3 credit hrs)
(See options on Pg. 2)
- **Additional Core Class from Area I, II, III, or IV**
(Check catalog online to view options)

Possible Bonus Points (maximum 3)

Submit an employer letter on company letterhead, including dates of employment, job title, and a brief description of duties for consideration.

- One (1) point for six months healthcare clinical work experience.
 - **Clinical experience** is defined as "actual patient care that includes the delivery of physical care, such as certified nursing assistant, nurse aide, practical nurse, patient care technician, medical assistant, surgical technician, back office worker in a clinic or physician's office, or emergency medical technician."

- Two (2) points for six (6) to twelve (12) months surgical work experience such as a surgical technician or surgical clerk.
- Three (3) points for more than one-year equivalent of full-time experience as a surgical technician.
- Tie-breaker GPA in BIOL 2113/2113L, BIOL 2114/2114L, application submission date

Competitive Selection Process

1. Must attend Mandatory Information session with WGTC Advising Coach.
2. Gather all supporting documentation including copies of current CPR card and save electronically.
3. Complete [Competitive Selection File Review Request Form](https://westgatech.jotform.com/231636211858154)⁷ and attach all supporting documentation on or before the deadline. (direct questions related to the form to admissions@westgatech.edu)
4. Monitor student email and review competitive selection scoring sheet (this does not indicate acceptance or denial).
5. Allow 4-6 weeks from the program deadline date to receive acceptance or denial letter from the Admissions Office.
 - If accepted, respond to secure your seat in the program by the given deadline.
 - If denied, meet with an Advising Coach to determine next steps. Students not selected into the program cohort must submit a new Competitive Selection File Review Request Form and required documentation to be included in the next selection process for the same program or the selection process for another program.

Surgical Technology Program (3 Consecutive Semesters)			
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Semester	Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
1 st (Spring)	SURG 1010	Introduction to Surgical Technology	8
	SURG 1020	Principles of Surgical Technology	9
2 nd (Summer)	SURG 1100	Surgical Pharmacology	2
	SURG 2030	Surgical Procedures I	5
	SURG 2110	Surgical Technology Clinical I	3
	SURG 2120	Surgical Technology Clinical II	3
3 rd (Fall)	SURG 2040	Surgical Procedures II	5
	SURG 2130	Surgical Technology Clinical III	3
	SURG 2140	Surgical Technology Clinical IV	3
	SURG 2240	Seminar in Surgical Technology	2
Total Hours			43

As set forth in its student catalog, West Georgia Technical College complies with the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The TCSG State Board prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's age, color, disability, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, or veteran status ("protected status"). No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation under, any TCSG program or activity because of the individual's protected status; nor shall any individual be given preferential treatment because of the individual's protected status, except the preferential treatment may be given on the basis of veteran status when appropriate under federal or state law. The following person(s) has been designated to manage inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equity (Title IX) Coordinator: Melinda Hofius, Dean of Students 770.537.5722, 176 Murphy Campus Blvd., Waco, GA 30182; ADA (Section 504) Coordinators: Students: Zelma Jones, Career and Student Support Services Manager, 770.824.5245, 176 Murphy Campus Blvd., Waco, GA 30182, Student504@westgatech.edu, Employees: Teresa Jiles, Human Resources Manager, 770.537.6056, 176 Murphy Campus Blvd., Waco, GA 30182, wgtcHR@westgatech.edu.

⁷ <https://westgatech.jotform.com/231636211858154>