



Surgical Technology Degree (ST13)

Program Description:

The Surgical Technology associate degree program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in the surgical field. The surgical technology degree program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and technical knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. In addition, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in surgical technology. Graduates of the program receive a surgical technology associate of applied science degree and are qualified for employment as surgical technologists as well as eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

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Prior to Competitive Selection:
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Campus:

Murphy Campus

Be sure to review the [General Competitive Selection Procedures](#)¹ and [Competitive Selection Program Statistics](#).²

Pre-Surgical Technology Admission Requirements					
Must complete the Courses Required for Competitive Selection with at least a 3.0 Competitive GPA (100% of the evaluation process)					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track					
<i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA= Fall; SP=Spring SU=Summer</i>					
Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange, and Online					
✓	Grade	Courses Required for Competitive Selection (Courses required before Application Deadline)	S	CR	Notes & Milestones Prerequisites must be passed with a "C" or higher
The 8 courses are used to calculate the competitive GPA. Minimum GPA= 3.0 All 8 courses must be completed with a "C" or higher and before the Application Deadline.					
		ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	ALL	3	
		PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	ALL	3	
Choose One Math Course:					
		MATH 1103 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning MATH 1111 College Algebra	FA, SP ALL	3 3	Substitution 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	Prerequisite BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2114L
		*BIOL 2114L Anatomy & Physiology Lab II	ALL	1	Prerequisite BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2114
*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.					

¹ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/2025-2026/student-catalog/admissions/health-sciences-and-nursing-programs-general-procedures>

² <https://www.westgatech.edu/admissions/getting-started/competitive-selection-process/>

✓	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	Prerequisite BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L Corequisite BIOL 2117L
		*BIOL 2117L Introduction to Microbiology Lab	ALL	1	Prerequisite 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	See catalog for a breakout of General Core Areas ³
Choose One Area IV Course:					
		ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation	ALL	3	
		MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation	ALL	3	
		THEA 1101 Theater Appreciation	ALL	3	
		HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2110 World Literature	SP	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2130 American Literature	ALL	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		ENGL 2310 English Literature	SP	3	Prerequisite ENGL 1101
		RELG 1101 World Religions	ALL	3	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.

Competitive Selection Deadline

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

Competitive Selection Requirements

- Must attend a Mandatory Information session with WGTC Advising Coach. (advising@westgatech.edu)
- 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 1103 OR 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
- After acceptance into the Surgical Tech Degree program a current CPR certification through the American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers-BLS (Basic Life Support) is required. The card will be reviewed by the program director. Online CPR certification will not be accepted.

³ <https://westgatech.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2025-2026/student-catalog/academic-programs/associate-degrees>

Right on Track Worksheet

Campus and Deadline: Murphy Campus- September 1st deadline for Fall cohort start

1. Write the classes you need to take each semester: (Circle the appropriate semester and add year)
Starting Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
2 nd Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
3 rd Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
4 th Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
5 th Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)
6 th Semester (Fall/Spring/Summer 202_)

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

**Must complete the required 8 courses by the end of Summer Semester*

- ENGL 1101
- PSYC 1101
- ALHS 1090
- MATH 1103 OR MATH 1111
- BIOL 2113
- BIOL 2113L
- BIOL 2114
- BIOL 2114L

GPA must be at least a 3.0 in these 8 courses

Calculate your Competitive GPA: _____

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

Courses required before Cohort starts:

**Finish before the Spring Semester*

- BIOL 2117 and lab
- Additional 3 credits from Area I, II, III, or IV
- Area IV

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.

Competitive Selection Process

1. Must attend Mandatory Information session with WGTC Advising Coach. (advising@westgatech.edu)
2. Gather all supporting documentation and save electronically.
3. Complete [Competitive Selection File Review Request Form](#)⁴ 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 Curriculum			
Semester 1	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
SURG 1010 Introduction to Surgical Technology	SP	8	Program Admission
SURG 1010 Principles of Surgical Technology	SP	9	Program Admission
		17	Program Semester Hours
Semester 2	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
SURG 1100 Surgical Pharmacology	SU	2	Program Admission
SURG 2030 Surgical Procedures I	SU	5	Program Admission
SURG 2110 Surgical Technology Clinical I	SU	3	Program Admission
		10	Program Semester Hours
Semester 3	S	CR	Notes and Milestones
SURG 2040 Surgical Procedures II	FA	5	Program Admission
SURG 2120 Surgical Technology Clinical II	FA	3	Program Admission
SURG 2130 Surgical Technology Clinical III	FA	3	Program Admission
SURG 2140 Surgical Technology Clinical IV	FA	3	Program Admission
SURG 2240 Seminar in Surgical Technology	FA	2	Program Admission
		13	Program Semester Hours

Employment Opportunities: <https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/>

Financial Aid by Program: <https://www.westgatech.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/>

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⁴ <https://westgatech.jotform.com/260346894159973>