MONTGOMERY
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Surgical Technology Program
Information Packet
A.A.S. Degree

This Information Packet provides the prospective applicant with information about the Surgical Technology Program admission process at MCCC.

The Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 9355 - 113th St. N, #7709 Seminole, FL 33775, 727-210-2350.

Any person is eligible to begin coursework at MCCC toward qualifying for admission to the Surgical Technology Program A.A.S. degree; however, admission requires that the applicant must be able to perform the Surgical Technology Program's Technical Standards as well as meet the Special Admission Guidelines.
More information can be found at:
https://mc3.edu/degrees-and-programs/programs/health/surgical-technology/special-admission-requirements

*Applicants are strongly advised to meet with a Student Success Center Advisor or Surgical Technology Program Coordinator in regards to Admission Requirements and Prerequisite Coursework.

Applicants should recognize that the College's health professions are rigorous and science-based. Because of the high demand, the Surgical Technology Program cannot accept all applicants and completion of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

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Surgical Technology Admissions Information

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- The College offers interested applicants an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree with a concentration in Surgical Technology. Prior to graduation from the Surgical Technology Program, students will complete the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) national examination administered by The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) making graduates competitive within the job market and eligible for immediate employment.

- Changes in the curriculum and admission requirements for the Surgical Technology Program may occur between the time the applicant applies to the College and the time of acceptance into the Surgical Technology Program. Applicants must meet the requirements in place at the time of notification of acceptance and matriculation into the Surgical Technology Program.

Admission

- The Surgical Technology Program offers acceptance to 12 applicants each Fall semester.

- To be considered for acceptance, all Surgical Technology Program applicants must meet the Program's Special Admission Guidelines (Montgomery County Community College Course Catalog). In addition, the applicant must be able to perform the Surgical Technology Program's Technical Standards. More information can be found at: https://mc3.edu/degrees-and-programs/programs/health/surgical-technology/special-admission-requirements

- The program follows the College's Comprehensive Grading Policy and as such, after two course attempts, requests for the third must be approved by a Dean, Director, or Advisor/Counselor.*
A student who would like to request the possibility of an additional attempt must meet with the Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee for consideration. The College uses the best grade earned at the College in the course to calculate the student's GPA; however, the grade from each course attempt will appear on the student's transcript. It is important to note that all course withdrawals and audits count as attempts. Courses transferred to MCCC from another institution count as attempts and can be used to meet prerequisite requirements but are not included in GPA calculations.
* Health career programs require the student to obtain the approval of the Program Director.

- As required by the Pennsylvania DOE Act 46 *Higher Education Course Scheduling Preference for Veteran Student Act*, all veteran students will receive admission preference provided all other eligibility criteria are equal (i.e. GPA, class standing, etc.).

- Applicants must be 18 years or older at the time of enrollment in SUR 105.

- All applicants must meet all Technical Standards of the program.

- Applicants must submit a completed college application identifying Surgical Technology AAS as the major.

- Applicants must submit high school transcripts or GED scores no later than March 1st of SUR 105 enrollment year

- Applicants must successfully (with grades of "C" or better) complete two years of mathematics, including one unit of algebra or the equivalent.

- Applicants must successfully (with grades of "C" or better) complete at least one year of biology and chemistry, **or** the college equivalent, within the past 10 years prior to enrolling in SUR 105. [Applicants without high school biology and/or chemistry can satisfy this requirement by completing the College's BIO 121 or CHE 121 courses].

- Applicants must submit official college transcript(s), for credit evaluation, if applicable, no later than March 1st of SUR 105 enrollment year.

- Applicants must complete the College placement tests in English, Mathematics, and Reading and place above the developmental level.

- Applicants must successfully complete BIO 131, or transfer equivalent, with a grade of "C" or better within 5 years, as a pre-requisite course for enrollment in SUR 105.

- Applicants must successfully complete ENG 101 as a pre-requisite for enrollment in SUR 105.

- Applicants must successfully complete of any approved Oral Communication Course as a pre-requisite for enrollment in SUR 105.

- **All applicants <u>must</u> meet with a Student Success Center academic advisor** before **registering for SUR 105 to verify completion of all Special Admission and pre-requisite requirements. **Students who have not met with and been verified by an academic advisor will not be eligible to register for surgical technology courses.**

- All applicants are **required to attend a mandatory Surgical Technology Program Orientation** held by the Coordinator of the Surgical Technology Program. This three-hour orientation provides information about the Surgical Technology Program and its pre-matriculation requirements including program expectations, uniforms, physical examination, immunizations, drug screening, criminal record and child abuse background clearances, liability insurance, CPR certification, etc. Failure to attend the Surgical Technology Program Orientation **will result** in the loss of acceptance to the Surgical Technology Program.

Additional Program Costs In Addition To Tuition/Fees

All Fees are Estimates and Are Subject To Change Without Notice

YEAR 1	
Textbooks*	$ 1000.00
Uniforms and shoes	$ 300.00
Physical and required immunizations, drug screen, PPD, yearly Flu vaccine**	$ 500.00
PA Criminal Background Check/FBI Clearance	$ 40.00
Child Abuse Clearance	$ 10.00
Yearly Liability Insurance	$ 38.00
CPR Certification Course	$ 60.00
AST Professional Organization Student Membership***	$ 45.00
Transportation to clinical education facilities	$ varies
YEAR 2	
Physical and drug screen, PPD, Flu vaccine**	$ 150.00
PA Criminal Background Check/FBI Clearance	$ 40.00
Child Abuse Clearance	$ 10.00
Yearly Liability Insurance	$ 38.00
National CST Certification Examination****	$ 190.00/$300.00
Transportation to clinical education facilities	$ varies

  * Program Specific Only
  ** Depending upon individual medical insurance coverage
 *** Optional
**** Depending on AST Professional Organization Membership