



## What do Surgical Technologists do?

The Surgical Technologist is a member of the operating room team. They help to prepare the operating room for surgery, assist during surgery and carry out the proper post-operative procedures. The Surgical Technologist ensures that the operating room and all instruments are properly sterilized. They also ensure that the proper surgical instruments and supplies are available for the surgeon's use.

## Where do Surgical Technologists work?

Surgical Technologists generally work in hospital operating rooms. They may also find employment in clinics, ambulatory surgical centers and physician and dental offices where minor surgical procedures may be performed.

## How can I become a Surgical Technologist?

The length of training for a Surgical Technologist ranges from nine to twenty-four months, depending on whether a certificate, diploma or associate degree is awarded. Surgical technology education and training

programs are offered at hospitals, vocational-technical schools and colleges.

## Is this the career for me?

Surgical Technologists need manual dexterity to handle instruments quickly. They also must be conscientious, orderly, and emotionally stable to handle the demands of the operating room environment. Technologists must respond quickly and must be familiar with operating procedures in order to have instruments ready for surgeons. Recommended high school courses include Health, Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics.

## How much do Surgical Technologists make?

The average annual salary for Surgical Technologists is \$33,100.

## Will I be able to get a job in Pennsylvania?

There are an average of 46 annual openings for Surgical Technologists in Pennsylvania.

*Where do I go for more information?*

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