



## Technical Standards: Surgical Technology Program

Specific essential abilities or technical standards have been identified by the Department of Surgical Technology, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the 2009 Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment (ADAAA). These technical standards include all of the nonacademic abilities essential for the delivery of safe, effective patient care. These standards are designed to establish performance expectations that will enable students to deliver safe, effective care during clinical practice activities, with or without reasonable accommodations. Qualified applicants and students are expected to meet all admission criteria, as well as these technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations and to maintain related satisfactory demonstration of these standards for progression through the program. The Department of Surgical Technology is committed to enabling students with identified disabilities by reasonable means or accommodations to complete academic and experiential learning required for completion of all degree programs.

Therefore, any applicant or student who seeks accommodation at the time of admission or at any time during progression in the program will be evaluated and receive an assessment of the types of reasonable accommodation(s) needed for the clinical practice component of the program.

The technical standards that have been identified as necessary to meet Surgical Technology program requirements include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- a. Stand continuously for a minimum of 6 hours and remain alert/awake.
- b. Lift and carry a minimum of 25 pounds across a room.
- c. Move and manipulate O.R. equipment such as O.R. tables, beds, stretchers, & case carts.
- d. Manipulate instruments/supplies at the surgical field with efficiently, dexterity, good hand-eye coordination.
- e. Assist in positioning of patients (involving the lifting of extremities & trunk).
- f. Assist with surgical prep of patients (involving elevation of extremities surgeon prepares the limb).
- g. Assist with transfer and transport of patients, including lifting and turning.
- h. Wear and tolerate latex products as needed.
- i. Able to communicate and write in the Native English language.
- j. Hear activation/warning signals on equipment.
- k. Able to stand, bend, stoop and/or sit and be capable of ambulating without assistive devices.
- l. Demonstrate sufficient visual acuity (enough to load fine suture material onto needle holders).
- m. Able to wear PPE (including lead apron) for extended periods of time.
- n. Ability to maintain sterility on a consistent basis when implementing all principles of aseptic technique,



**Technical Standards Acknowledgement Form**  
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The attached list of Technical Standards has been prepared to assist you in understanding the essential physical and behavioral requirements for participating in and successfully completing the Surgical Technology Program. These standards must be satisfied by all students in all aspects of the program. These technical standards for the Surgical Technology Program are representative of those found in the Surgical Technology profession.

Please note that you must carefully review these technical standards. Once reviewed, please complete all of the information below and submit to the Clinical Coordinator before registering for any Surgical Technology courses.

Your signature below shall confirm and verify that you have reviewed the program's technical Standards and are capable of performing those standards. Failure to perform the program's essential technical standards shall result in student's dismissal from the program.

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Student's Printed Name

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Student's Signature

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Date