



Surgical Technology Associate of Science Degree Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the program and when does it start?

The Surgical Technology program includes 1 year of Surgical Technology coursework, as well as 34 credit hours of general education prerequisite courses. All general education courses may be taken at Baptist Health Sciences University, and the program accepts transfer credit(s) from other accredited institutions for most of the prerequisite courses. Beginning Spring 2022, new Surgical Technology courses start each spring trimester. Students can enroll in any summer or fall trimester to begin earning prerequisite courses.

What degree will I receive when I graduate from the program?

Upon successful completion, the graduate will receive an Associate of Science Degree.

Am I secured a job upon graduation?

There is no guarantee that students will be hired upon graduation; however, for graduates who pass a credentialing exam, job outcomes are promising.

What is the current Surgical Technologist job outlook?

Employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 7% from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/surgical-technologists.htm>.

In which types of surgical procedures does a Surgical Technologist participate?

Surgical Technologists participate in a vast array of surgical procedures: Orthopedics, Gynecology/Labor & Delivery, Cardiovascular, ENT, Neurosurgery, Robotic surgical procedures, etc.

How are students selected for this program?

A selection committee for the Surgical Technology professional program will evaluate all completed applications. Applicants with a strong academic background and applicants completing preprogram courses at Baptist University will receive priority consideration for interviews.

What is the tuition and is financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, etc.) available?

There are scholarships as well as federal and state-funded financial assistance programs. Information related to tuition and financial assistance can be found online at <https://www.baptistu.edu/tuition-financial-aid>.

How far away are the clinical sites?

Students may be assigned to clinical sites up to a 90-mile radius from the college.

Are students allowed to select their own clinical sites?

No, the clinical coordinator and program chair determine clinical site placement for each student.