

## Prior to Admission:

### How and when should I apply?

Please contact Jennifer Cain ([jcain@neosho.edu](mailto:jcain@neosho.edu)) to schedule an advising appointment prior to enrollment in SURG 100. She will provide resources that help streamline this process!

The application deadline for each new cohort beginning in January is **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants must be enrolled in SURG 100 – Introduction to Surgical Technology (offered only during fall semesters) when applying for program acceptance. New cohorts begin only in January on the Ottawa campus.

### When will I find out if I've been accepted?

Interviews of applicants are conducted in October and November. Acceptance is determined prior to Thanksgiving.

### Are there any pre-requisites?

None, other than a minimum of 18 years of age. Please see our Program Sheet (located on our [program website](#)) to be sure to enroll in the appropriate general education courses required for our Associate's degree. Students should schedule an appointment with an NCCC advisor to formulate their individual schedule. *Should an applicant be accepted, but fail to successfully pass a required course following said acceptance, their position in the program may be jeopardized. (This applies to all general education courses.)*

### Will my credits transfer from other colleges to NCCC?

If your credits were obtained at an accredited university or community college in Kansas, they should transfer smoothly to NCCC. Credits obtained at vocational or technical schools will be evaluated thoroughly and may or may not transfer as easily. Regardless, students interested in attending NCCC must provide official college transcripts from *all* colleges attended in their lifetime for evaluation by the registration department.

### How much does the program cost?

Please see the "Program Cost Breakdown" information located on our [program website](#) for more details.

### Is this program eligible for Financial Aid?

Yes, students accepted into the program may use federal financial aid to pay for their courses provided they have been approved for federal financial aid. To learn more, visit the [Financial Aid](#) website or please contact the financial aid office by emailing [finaid@neosho.edu](mailto:finaid@neosho.edu). All students interested in financial aid will be required to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is also worth noting the availability of financial assistance from Kansas Works for students living in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Riley, Clay, Geary, Marshall, Washington, Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson, Jackson, Osage, Shawnee or Wabaunsee counties. Please contact the program director for more details.

### What is the ATI TEAS and why do I need to take it?

The ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is an exam that measures basic college-level competency in math, English, reading and the sciences. It is not specific to the career or knowledge required to become a surgical technologist. Our program requires this test as part of the student's application, however it is not the sole deciding factor regarding acceptance into the program. You can find more information by visiting [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) and you can register to take the exam for the surgical technology program by emailing Jennifer Cain at [jcain@neosho.edu](mailto:jcain@neosho.edu).