

# Program Specifics:

## When does the program start?

Each August we offer SURG 100: Introduction to Surgical Technology to anyone interested in the surgical technology profession. This course is required for all program applicants—and although they may apply while enrolled in the course, their acceptance is contingent on passing the course. Students accepted into the program continue their program education immediately the following January (this is the official program start).

## When is graduation?

Students successfully completing all necessary requirements will graduate at the end of the next spring semester (1½ years after the official program start.)

## How many of your students find employment in this field?

94% of our graduates are currently employed in this field or are furthering their education in the health care setting.

## What is the program’s pass rate of the Certification Exam?

Since obtaining our accreditation from [CAAHEP](#) in 2012, our pass rate is 86% on the first attempt.

## Can I work during the program? What kind of course schedule can I expect?

Our program is designed to allow both brand new college students and working adults find balance. The program course load is part-time in the beginning transitioning into full-time during semester three. Although we cannot require students to not work while attending our program, we strongly encourage students reduce their work commitments as much as possible to provide more time to devote to their studies.

Below is a diagram that displays the program schedule for accepted applicants. *Please note that SURG 101 and SURG 103 are laboratory courses which require a smaller class size; therefore, students are enrolled in section 31, 32, or 33—not all of them.* General education courses are determined based on individual student needs; there is a wide variety of course availability in an effort to work with your current schedule.

Semester One (Aug-Dec)			Semester Two (Jan-May)			Summer	Semester Three (Aug-Dec)			Semester Four (Jan-May)		
SURG 100-31	Weds, all semester	11a-3p	SURG 102	Weds, all semester	11a-3:15p	7 Gen. Ed. credit hours as determined by individual need.	SURG 202	Weds, all semester	11a-3p	SURG 204	Weds, all semester	11a-3:15p
Additional SURG 100 sections, TBD			SURG 101-31	TBA	TBA (4 hours in length)		SURG 103-31	Tues, <b>first 8 weeks</b>	9-4:30	SURG 206	Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri <b>all semester</b> (any three-day combo determined by hospital)	6:45-3:15
11-12 Gen. Ed. credit hours as determined by individual need.			SURG 101-32	TBA	TBA (4 hours in length)		SURG 103-32	Fri, <b>first 8 weeks</b>	9-4:30			
			SURG 101-33	TBA	TBA (4 hours in length)		SURG 106	Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri <b>last 8 weeks</b> (any two-day combo determined by hospital)	6:45a-3:15p			
			9 Gen. Ed. credit hours as determined by individual need.			3 Gen. Ed. credit hours online only as determined by individual need.			SURG 208	Online (except for two on campus exams)		

There are 2 scheduled field trips, which students are required to attend, outside of class time, during Semester Two.

We recommend applicants **contact an NCCC advisor** to design a course schedule that allows them to successfully complete the general education coursework required within the appropriate time frames to earn their degree.

## What kinds of things will I learn in this program?

The program provides specialized education in the operating room setting in accordance with the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology. Students will be educated about their important role as a surgical

team member, including but not limited to duties required during preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative case management. Students are educated on topics regarding law and ethics, aseptic technique, decontamination & sterilization, surgical principles, surgical practices and surgical procedures in this program.

#### [Can I take any classes online?](#)

At this time, nearly all the program courses are conducted in face-to-face environment. There are several general education courses that are required that can be taken online.