FALL 2025

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AAS

Application Period

Jan 30, 2025 – May 22, 2025

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
CFCC

Minimum requirements are subject to change each academic year.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE in SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Selective Admission Process: this program requires a separate, program specific application in addition to admission to the college; all application deadlines are firm

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

The fall 2025 selection process is subject to change when extenuating circumstances arise. If any changes arise involving CFCC's ability to adhere to the information below, CFCC will reserve the right to make adjustments and will make every effort to communicate these to the applicants in a timely manner.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the care of the surgical patient in the operation room and to function as a member of the surgical team. Students will apply theoretical knowledge to the care of patients undergoing surgery and develop skills necessary to prepare supplies, equipment, and instruments; maintain aseptic conditions; prepare patients for surgery; and assist surgeons during operations.

Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units/facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units.

Students of Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited programs are required to take the national certification exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) within a four (4) week period prior to or after graduation.

The Cape Fear Community College Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, telephone: (727) 210-2350, in cooperation with the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Cape Fear Community College Surgical Technology Program is to prepare competent entry-level Surgical Technologists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. This degree program will set high standards for students to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to become an integral member of a surgical team.

The Surgical Technology Program is an integral part of Cape Fear Community College and supports the philosophy and mission of the College and the North Carolina Community College system.

APPLICATION PROCESS

It is the Surgical Technology applicants' responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadlines. Surgical Technology deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions.

The Surgical Technology faculty conduct detailed information sessions that are held during the fall of 2025 (see program website for specifics). **Note:** attendance is beneficial but does not provide points for the fall 2025 application period.

Admission to any and all educational programs offered by Cape Fear Community College is made without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation; disability; veteran status or other irrelevant factors.

> **The Surgical Technology program at CFCC requires a separate, program specific application, as it is selective admission. Students must meet minimum requirements and complete an "Intent to Apply" during the application period. This is done electronically and can be accessed at the program website: www.cfcc.edu/surgical-technology.**

Prior to completing the "Intent to Apply", prospective students must first be accepted for general admission to Cape Fear Community College and meet all minimum, program specific requirements. Below are the steps for acceptance to CFCC.

Note: if you are interested in this program, but are not sure about meeting all requirements, you are encouraged to contact the staff of the HSEC: healthsciences@cfcc.edu or complete the form on the application website for further support.

To participate in the application process (file an "Intent to Apply") students must:

1. Complete the CFCC General Admissions Application, which includes the Residency Determination Application. For students that have applied to or have taken classes at CFCC previously, the application has to be active. If the prospective student has not attended classes at CFCC for one year (12 months) or longer, they must reapply and be accepted prior to filing an "Intent to Apply".

2. Request official transcripts from a regionally accredited High School/High School Equivalency agency. High School/High School Equivalency transcripts must indicate the date graduated. Official transcripts are those received either electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery to CFCC in the original, sealed envelope from the awarding institution or agency. If the prospective student graduated from a North Carolina public high school within the past three years, they may request that an official high school transcript be sent electronically to the Admissions Office via the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) website at www.cfnc.org. The official school administrator for home schooled students must submit a copy of the homeschool's approved registration from the state in which they are registered (if applicable), and a home school transcript with graduation date. All students selected to the program must have graduated from high school at the start of the program or have earned the equivalent credentials.

3. Request official transcripts from **all** colleges and/or universities attended (if applicable; must come from institution where classes where taken) to be mailed or electronically sent to the Admissions and/or Records Office. These will be reviewed for possible transfer credit. Note: transcripts from Masters or Ph.D. programs are not required. Transcripts from colleges that are not regionally accredited may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Once accepted to CFCC, students must meet the minimum requirements listed below and then need to file an "Intent to Apply" electronically during the application period:

1. **Applicants must meet minimum English and Math requirements.** Any parts of the criteria below can be combined to meet the requirements. ***Official transcripts and/or test scores are required.***

- An Associate's Degree or higher **OR**

- An unweighted U.S. High School GPA of 2.8 or higher regardless of graduation year or NC Community College Adult High School (AHS) unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher **OR**

  o High School Career and College Ready Graduate (CCRG) Enhanced English IV score of 80 or higher on Tiers I and II AND
  o High School CCRG Math score of 80 or higher on Tiers I and II OR Math 3 End of Course (EOC) score of 4 or higher **OR**

- Completion of **English Composition I or higher** (or its equivalent; i.e., ENG-111 in the North Carolina Community College common course library) **and Quantitative Literacy or higher** (or its equivalent; i.e., MAT-121 or MAT-143 in the North Carolina Community College common course library) with a grade of **"C"** or better at a regionally accredited college (Note: if both requirements are met via CFCC transfer credit, then skip to bullet no. 2) **OR**

- Successful completion of developmental or transitional English and Math classes at a North Carolina Community College (only) that would allow direct placement into ENG-111 and MAT-121 or 143 **without concurrent pre- or co-requisites** (if taken at a four-year college/university or out of state, please contact the CFCC Health Science Enrollment Center at *healthsciences@cfcc.edu* if you have questions) **OR**

- Completion of an NCDAP, Accuplacer (Classic, not Next Gen.), RISE, or COMPASS Placement Test with English and Math placement into ENG-111 and MAT-143 **without pre- or co-requisites,** regardless of completion date. Please contact the CFCC Health Science Enrollment Center (HSEC) at *healthsciences@cfcc.edu* if you have questions about the use of test scores to meet Math and English requirements.

2. **Students must have an overall <u>GPA of 2.5 or higher in all post-secondary coursework completed at Cape Fear Community College</u>** (if the applicant has never attended CFCC this requirement may be disregarded). However, after an "Intent to Apply" has been filed, the student must consistently maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 for each semester enrolled at CFCC to enter the program in the fall. If the student's CFCC cumulative GPA is below 2.5 at the time of filing an "Intent to Apply" and they have not been enrolled in CFCC for one year (12 months) or longer, they may be eligible for *Academic Forgiveness* (see 2024 – 2025 catalog for more information).

3. **Completion of the TEAS Test (by ATI; versions 6 and 7 only) and meet the cut off score requirement (Total Score of 59 or higher).**

4. **Filing an "Intent to Apply"**
   An "Intent to Apply" for the Surgical Technology Program may be completed **ONLINE** during the application period of January 30, 2025 through May 22, 2025. Students must visit the program's website (www.cfcc.edu/surgical-technology/), click on the "File My Intent" button, and study the instructions to proceed. Students must make sure to complete all required fields/areas all the way to the end and then submit the form. If the "Intent" is approved, i.e., all eligibility requirements are met, the student will receive information in their CFCC e-mail account explaining the next steps. Students who file an "Intent to Apply" and do not meet the minimum requirements will receive an e-mail addressing the missing items. Once eligible, they may re-file their "Intent" as long as it is prior to the end of the application period.

Note: If technical difficulties are encountered, students may contact the CFCC Helpdesk at 910-362-4357. All interested applicants must file the "Intent to Apply" prior to the end of the application period.

"Intent to Apply" Checklist for the Surgical Technology Program:

- Acceptance to CFCC (via general college admission) or active application status
- Official high school transcript on file at CFCC
- Official college/university transcripts (if applicable) on file at CFCC
- Overall GPA at CFCC of 2.5 or higher (if the applicant has never attended CFCC this requirement may be disregarded. After an "Intent to Apply" has been filed, the student must consistently maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 for each semester enrolled at CFCC to enter the program in the fall)
- English and Math eligibility (see page 3)
- Completion of the TEAS exam and have a Total Score of 59 or higher PRIOR to filing an "Intent to Apply"

Note I: Having completed all general education courses that are part of the Surgical Technology program is not required in order to complete the selective admissions application to the program.

Note II: Completion of general education courses prior to the start of the program does not decrease the number of semesters required to graduate. The program duration is five semesters.

TESTING INFORMATION

Students who wish to be considered for admission to CFCC's Surgical Technology program must first ensure they meet the minimum application requirements. They should schedule and complete the TEAS exam (by ATI; choose "*Nursing*") prior to filing an "Intent to Apply". This is done independently from the CFCC Surgical Technology application process. There is no set limit to the number of times an applicant may take the TEAS test, however, if using CFCC as a testing site, a student may test only two times per academic year; additional tests may be taken offsite. Those who have taken the TEAS test in previous years should be aware that tests are only valid for five years from the time they file an "Intent to Apply". Once the TEAS test is taken and **only if the cut off score requirement is met (see below),** the applicant should request that an official score report be made available to CFCC. If the TEAS test was taken at CFCC, the staff of the HSEC will have access to the results. Applicants who tested should include the date the test was taken.

Note: **Applicants who test more than once are responsible for selecting the TEAS test with the highest overall score.** In addition, we will not create a new score using the highest points in each test category among several tests (i.e., we do not "superscore").

> THE "INTENT TO APPLY", AS WELL AS ALL TESTING, MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE MAY 22, 2025 and must be on file in the Health Science Enrollment Center at CFCC in order to be considered for the Surgical Technology program. "Intents to Apply" and results from tests completed after May 22, 2025 will not be accepted.

Flexible Testing Options: Applicants may take the TEAS exam at any available PSI Test Center (see ATI website for a list of locations at https://www.atitesting.com/teas), remotely with ATI, **or on campus with limited availability at the CFCC Union Station Testing Center (maximum of two times at CFCC per academic year; no limits set if testing off campus).**

Testing Locations: All available on campus test sessions for the Surgical Technology application period will be scheduled using the ATI Testing company. More information is available at https://cfcc.edu/testing-services/. An option to test at any available PSI Test Center will also be available as a choice. It may provide a greater number of testing dates, times, and locations. Applicants who meet minimum requirements to apply for the Surgical Technology program may use this option but must be aware of the testing/"Intent" deadline of **May 22, 2025.**

Testing with Accommodations: Students who need accommodations for the TEAS test should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at sas@cfcc.edu. The scheduling of the accommodated test must be coordinated by the staff of SAS and CFCC Testing Services who will guide the student through the process. Note: Testing at a PSI Test Center may not guarantee appropriated accommodations.

Cost: The cost of the TEAS test may vary by each provider. If testing at CFCC, the cost will be approximately $90.00 per test. For cost information on remote testing via ATI, as well as testing at a PSI Testing Center, please refer to the ATI website. Also, if applicants do not select CFCC as the receiving college upon testing, an additional fee will be charged to make the test accessible to CFCC (please refer to ATI website for details).

Test Preparation: It is recommended that students utilize TEAS study guides which are available for purchase online and in some book stores. In addition, the staff in the CFCC Learning Lab (910-362-7496) may be able to provide research materials to help prepare for the TEAS exam, including the following: https://libguides.cfcc.edu/TEAS.

After the Test: Students will have access to test scores immediately after they complete the TEAS exam. **In order to be considered for the Surgical Technology program, a student must meet the minimum score requirements on the TEAS (Total Score of 59 or higher; see Individual Performance Profile)**. Students may file an "Intent to Apply" during the application period once test scores meet the minimum score requirement and are on file at the HSEC by the testing deadline. No additional application forms are required.

> For further details regarding the TEAS test, students are encouraged to visit the Health Sciences Admissions page and refer to the FAQ link to TEAS related information; https://cfcc.edu/admissions/health-sciences-enrollment/

Note**:** Depending on the Health Science program, neither federal law, nor North Carolina law permits undocumented individuals or those with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) classification to receive professional licenses. See 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a) and (c)(1)(A). This does not prevent a DACA students from enrolling in a Health Science program, but may prohibit the student from receiving a professional license. If students have questions about eligibility for professional licensure, please refer to the professional organization's website.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY SELECTION PROCESS

The point system was implemented as an objective means for evaluating Surgical Technology applicants. ALL documents (including official, up to date transcripts) needed for points must be on file at CFCC prior to the application deadline (May 22, 2025). **Eligible courses need to be completed prior to the application deadline to receive points. No points will be awarded for documentation received after the application deadline.** If students are currently, or were previously enrolled in another college, it is their responsibility to ensure that the final transcript is received by CFCC prior to the application deadline.

Eighteen (18) students with the highest point count totals will be invited and required to attend a Surgical Technology Skills Assessment which will take place in the summer of 2025. If two (2) or more students have the identical point count total, the date and time that the "Intent to Apply" form was submitted successfully (i.e., eligibility criteria were met) will be the determining factor for the selection. After completion of the Skills Assessment, **up to fourteen (14) students with the highest grades will be selected to enroll in the Surgical Technology program in the fall of 2025** (see page 8).

POINT SYSTEM

See "Point Count Worksheet" for point values.

Section A: Non-coursework (Note: not a minimum requirement – only used for point count)

Points for Grade Point Average
Students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher **at CFCC** will receive five (5) additional points (minimum of 12 credit hours excluding developmental courses).

Points for Previous Work Experience
Students may earn ten (10) points for previous work experience within the last five (5) years for a minimum of three (3) months as an Operating Room Transportation Assistant, Central Sterile Processing Employee, OR as an Operating Room Attendant, Medical Assistant, or Anesthesia Technician. **Any other related profession should include patient care and will need to be approved by the program director for inclusion of points. Other experience to be reviewed for approval should include direct patient care.**

Applicants must submit proper documentation on official letterhead, signed and dated by supervisor or personnel/human resource officer and include: the beginning and ending dates of employment; location of employment, average number of hours worked per week; description of job duties and applicant's current employment status. Acceptable experience is at the discretion of the director of the program. **ALL documentation needed for points must be on file at CFCC prior to the application deadline of the program.** No points will be awarded for documentation received after the application deadline.

Sections B: College Coursework (Note: not a minimum requirement – used for point count and to satisfy program General Education coursework)

College courses completed prior to the application deadline with a grade of **"C"** or better will earn the applicant points (for point distribution, refer to the Surgical Technology point count worksheet). Points will also be awarded for credit earned based on AP (Advanced Placement; see *CollegeBoard* website for score/grade look-up chart) and/or CLEP examinations (50-59 = "C"; 60-69 = "B"; ≥70 = "A").

Section C: TEAS Scores (to be taken prior to filing "Intent to Apply"; cut off score requirements must be met)

Points are awarded for scores on the TEAS exam in the four following areas: Math, Science, Reading, and English & Language Usage for a maximum of 400 points. TEAS tests are valid for five years from the date the "Intent to Apply" is filed. Applicants may test more than one time as there are no set limits. **Note: Applicants are only permitted to take the test twice per academic year on campus at the CFCC Testing Center. Attempting to take the test more than twice at the CFCC Testing Center is not permitted**. If an applicant wants to take the test additional times, they may use the ATI remote option, the PSI Testing Center option, or by testing at another college testing center other than CFCC. If the applicant indicates that they are testing for Cape Fear Community College as their primary school when scheduling the test, then the test

results will be automatically available for CFCC staff to access. **Applicants should select the test with the highest score when filing their "Intent to Apply" during the application period.** Applicants should file an "Intent to Apply" when they have completed the TEAS test and meet the cut off score requirements during the application period. If they choose to retest, they need to make sure that official score reports of all tests are on file at CFCC (please contact the staff of the HSEC at healthsciences@cfcc.edu if you have any questions).

Calculation of Total Points

The applicant's total points are calculated using points for approved work experience, academics (completed course work), GPA, and the total of the TEAS test. **Qualified applicants will be invited to review their point count electronically after the application deadline and after all point counts are completed.** A copy of their point count will be emailed in June 2025, including instructions on how to agree or recheck the total point count. APPLICANTS WHO FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST TO REVIEW THEIR POINT COUNT WILL WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO CONTEST THEIR POINT TOTALS. *Applicant's point counts are **confidential; to protect students' privacy, point count totals can only be discussed with the applicant.***

SPECIAL NOTES:
BIO 163 (or BIO 168 and BIO 169) and BIO 175 must have been taken in the last five (5) years of the start date of the Surgical Technology Program (for 2025 applicants: only valid for points if taken fall 2020 or after). Only the first attempt with a letter grade of "C" or better will be considered for the point count. Although not required, it is *highly recommended* that BIO 163 (or BIO 168 and BIO 169), and BIO 175 are taken prior to enrollment in the Surgical Technology Program. Other courses *recommended* to be taken prior to enrollment are MED 121 and MED 122.

Note: Students who have questions or concerns regarding transfer credits from other colleges and/or universities must address and resolve their concerns prior to the end of the application period (please contact a staff member at the CFCC Health Science Enrollment Center).

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY SKILLS ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE TOP 18 STUDENTS

After the point count review, **the top eighteen (18) students** will be notified by CFCC student email and are required to attend the *Surgical Technology Skills Assessment*. This will be held during the summer semester for two (2) weeks. Students will meet for two days each week for three hours (subject to change). **The attendance requirement is 100 percent and missing one or more sessions will result in failing the assessment.** The assessment is designed to give an overview of the profession and include basic Surgical Technology concepts. Students' understanding of the material will be assessed through interactive lab tasks and written exams. The **top fourteen (14) students** with the highest total grade will be admitted into the Surgical Technology Program to begin in the fall semester 2025. Assessment details and times will be announced at a later date.

Surgical Technology applicants who are selected based upon their point count and final grade taken from the *skills assessment* are conditionally accepted into the program pending the submission and review of a medical history form provided by Cape Fear Community College. Acceptance is also conditional on the results of a required drug screen and criminal background check.

Applying to Multiple Programs: If accepted into multiple health science programs at CFCC, students are required to commit to the program of choice by the deadline stated in their program decision email sent by the Health Science Enrollment Center. Failure to do so in writing (i.e., via response form) will result in the loss of the seat. Once a student attends the orientation, they finalize their commitment to the Surgical Technology program and will no longer be considered for seats in other programs. Exceptions may be granted by the staff of the HSEC. Please direct any questions or concerns to the staff members of the HSEC: healthsciences@cfcc.edu.

NOTIFCATION PROCEDURE

All Surgical Technology applicants will receive notification by CFCC student email of their status for the upcoming program year. Applicants not selected may reapply for admission to the program for the next academic year. The fourteen (14) students selected will be notified when to complete the following information:

1. **Medical Reports**
   All completed health/medical reports must be received by the specified date noted in the materials provided at the program orientation.

2. **CPR**
   Students must also submit documentation of current two-year CPR certification (2 yr. certification including infant, child and adult CPR required).

3. **Drug Screening/Criminal Background Check**
   Twelve (12) panel urine drug screen is mandatory. Methadone will be included in the urine drug screening. At their discretion, clinical sites require a drug screening and a criminal background check prior to allowing students into the clinical setting (any associated fees will be the responsibility of the student). Testing positive on the drug screening, or evidence of tampering with a specimen, will disqualify a student from participation from the clinical assignment.

   The drug screen needs to be completed AFTER the orientation session by the required deadline. Any drug screens completed prior to orientation will not be accepted.

   In addition, certain criminal activity, as evident by a criminal background check may also disqualify a student from clinical participation. Please be aware that failure to participate in a clinical assignment based on disqualification due to findings from either the drug screening or criminal background check will result in dismissal from the Surgical Technology Program. For further information, students should see the **"Drug and Alcohol Policy" in the CFCC Student Handbook. Information will be disseminated at orientation by the program director.**

4. **Transportation**
   Traveling outside of New Hanover County is necessary for clinical education. Some clinical sites are over 50 miles away. Students must provide their own transportation to/from clinical sites.

   Application Notes:
   Students who accept a seat and register for Surgical Technology classes and then withdraw before classes begin, or exit during the first semester, can reapply to the program **only one additional time.**

Acceptance into the program is for fall 2025. Students who decide to decline their seat will need to reapply for future admission.

PROGRESSION POLICY

Starting in the fall of 2024, CFCC will use a ten-point grading scale. However, all health science programs may use a grading scale that ensures success in the profession for future graduates and abides by accreditation guidelines. For Surgical Technology, an eight-point grading scale remains in place for the program courses. **For general education courses, however, the CFCC ten-point scale will apply (A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 70-79; D and below are not acceptable).**

<u>**Grading Policy for the Surgical Technology Courses**</u> (prefix SUR)

A	Excellent	92-100
B	Good	84-91
C	Average	76-83
D	Poor	68-75

Students admitted to the Surgical Technology Program must achieve a **"C"** in each course as noted above in the Surgical Technology program courses in order to progress semester by semester.

PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE EXPECTATIONS OF A STUDENT SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Surgical Technology is a medical discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. For purposes of program compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, a qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the Surgical Technology Program.

If a student believes that they cannot meet Surgical Technology program requirements without accommodations, the Student Accessibility Services Office will determine on an individual basis whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made. Further information regarding the physical and cognitive expectations of a student surgical technician and the technical standards may be found in the student policy below.

CFCC provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified students with disabilities, as long as such disabilities, as determined on a case-by-case basis, do not preclude the student from meeting the qualifications considered essential to the program. The essential functions (*Technical Standards*) are listed below.

Surgical Technologists work in clean, brightly lit, relatively quiet, cool environments. At times they may be exposed to communicable diseases and unpleasant sights, odors, and materials. Most of their duties require standing, sometimes for a number of hours, and it is imperative that their attention be focused closely on the task at hand. Most surgeries are performed during the day, but many hospitals and surgicenters require 24-hour coverage. A 40-hour week is common, although most are required to periodic "on-call" hours available to work on short notice in case of emergency.

REQUIRED TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Criterion	Standard	Examples of Necessary Activities (Not all Inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Surgical Technology students should possess critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgement.	Students must be able to identify cause-effect relationship in clinical situations.
Interpersonal	Surgical Technology students should possess interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, groups, etc., from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.	Students must be able to establish rapport with health care team members.
Communication	Surgical Technology students should possess communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in both verbal and written form.	Explain surgical procedures and document when appropriate.
Mobility	Surgical Technology students should possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small places, and stand for extensive periods.	Maneuver in operating rooms with various equipment and with standing in one place during extensive surgical procedure. Students should be able to lift and manipulate/move patients and equipment.
Motor Skills	Surgical Technology students should possess gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective performance.	Handling of surgical equipment and instrumentation.
Hearing	Surgical Technology students should possess sufficient auditory abilities to perform efficiently.	Following operating room surgeon's directions, react to anesthesia changes, etc.
Visual	Surgical Technology students should possess sufficient visual acuity for performance of required tasks.	Detect color-coded supplies and/or instruments, note changes in patient skin color.
Occupational Exposures	Surgical Technology students may be exposed to communicable diseases and/or bodily fluids, toxic substances, medicinal preparations and shall use appropriate precautions at all times.	At times, they may be exposed to communicable diseases and unpleasant sights, odors, and materials.

Students who feel they need accommodations should contact the staff of the Student Accessibility Services Office (see below).

DISQUALIFYING FACTORS

Students may be denied admission to or continuation in the Surgical Technology program for any of the following reasons:

A. Physical or emotional health, which indicates impairment in ability to provide safe care to the public.
B. Conduct not in accordance with the standards of a certified surgical technologist:
    1. has given false information or has withheld material information;

2. has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to any crime which indicated that the individual is unfit or incompetent to practice surgical technology or that the individual has deceived or defrauded the public;
3. has used any drug to a degree that interferes with his or her fitness to practice as a surgical technologist;
4. has engaged in conduct which endangers the public health.

Accepted applicants will be required to take a **drug screen and submit a criminal background check** prior to starting the program. The college follows agency protocol regarding drug screening and criminal background checks. Without access to the clinical facilities, students will be unable to satisfactorily complete the surgical technology courses.

LEGAL LIMITATIONS OF LICENSURE

Students who enroll in the Surgical Technology Program should be aware that the application for certification at the completion of the program might be denied or restricted by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for reasons including but not limited to:

- The student practiced fraud or deceit in attempting to procure a certification to practice as a Certified Surgical Technologist.
- The student has been convicted of a misdemeanor/felony (excluding a minor traffic violation).
- The student is mentally or physically incompetent or uses any drug to a degree that interferes with fitness to practice as a surgical technologist.
- The student engages in conduct which endangers the public health.

RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

Health Science Enrollment Center

For questions or concerns regarding the selective admission process and other available resources, please contact a staff member of the Health Science Enrollment Center at the Wilmington Campus in Union Station Building (second floor); healthsciences@cfcc.edu; 910-362-7139.

Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at CFCC provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified students with disabilities, as long as such disabilities, as determined on a case-by-case basis, do not preclude the student from meeting the qualifications considered essential to the program.

Students who feel they need accommodation should contact the staff of the SAS office in the Union Station Building (Room U-218) on the Downtown Campus or call 910-362-7017.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid office monitors a policy that is based on federal regulations that establishes a maximum time frame for completion of a program of 150 percent of the published length of an educational program. This means that as a student majoring in Pre-Pharmacy Technology or another Pre-Health Science program, the student will need to pay careful attention to the number of hours attempted prior to actual admission into the program of choice. Depending on the number of hours attempted prior to admission into a Health Science program, a student may not be eligible for enough financial aid to complete the program after they have been admitted.

To make sure students understand this policy and plan ahead in order to use their financial benefits in a wise and timely manner, students are encouraged to consult with the staff of the CFCC Financial Aid office located in the Union Station Building (Room U-138) on the Wilmington Campus or in the McKeithan Center (Room NA-100) on the North Campus.

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation supports student education opportunities through program support, scholarships, and more. All students are encouraged to apply to scholarships if eligible. For more information, please visit the Foundation website: https://cfcc.edu/foundation/.

CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TUITION & FEES

Payment methods: cash, check, money order, VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, financial aid, payment plan or third (3rd) party sponsorship. All forms of payment must be received by the Business Office to be officially registered.

Tuition is established by the North Carolina State Legislature and is subject to change without prior notification.

Credit Hours	In-State Tuition	Out-Of-State Tuition	Student Activity Fees	Parking & Security Fee	Technology Fees
1	76.00	268.00	35.00	40.00	3.00
2	152.00	536.00	35.00	40.00	6.00
3	228.00	804.00	35.00	40.00	9.00
4	304.00	1072.00	35.00	40.00	12.00
5	380.00	1340.00	35.00	40.00	15.00
6	456.00	1608.00	35.00	40.00	18.00
7	532.00	1876.00	35.00	75.00	21.00
8	608.00	2144.00	35.00	75.00	24.00
9	684.00	2412.00	35.00	75.00	27.00
10	760.00	2680.00	35.00	75.00	30.00
11	836.00	2948.00	35.00	75.00	33.00
12	912.00	3216.00	35.00	75.00	36.00
13	988.00	3484.00	35.00	75.00	39.00
14	1064.00	3752.00	35.00	75.00	42.00
15	1140.00	4020.00	35.00	75.00	45.00
16 or more	1216.00	4288.00	35.00	75.00	48.00

Professional liability insurance: $15.00 per school year (Nursing and Health Science students)

Full time: 12 credit hours
3/4 time: 9 credit hours
1/2 time: 6 credit hours

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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
ESTIMATED COSTS FOR PROGRAM

FALL SEMESTER I

*Tuition/Fees (in state)	$1,374.00
*Tuition/Fees (out of state)	$4,446.00
Books	800.00
Uniforms	125.00
Shoes	70.00
CPR Certification (2 year)	Varies
Medical Examination	Varies
Background Check/Drug Screening	108.00
My Clinical Exchange	60.00
Liability Insurance	15.00
Misc.	25.00
TOTAL (in state)	**$2,577.00+**
TOTAL (out of state)	**$5,649.00+**

SPRING SEMESTER I

*Tuition/Fees (in state)	$1,374.00
*Tuition/Fees (out of state)	$4,446.00
Books	200.00
Mileage to school and clinical sites.	Varies
TOTAL (in state)	**$1,574.00 +**
TOTAL (out of state)	**$4,646.00+**

SUMMER SEMESTER

*Tuition/Fees (in state)	$786.00
*Tuition/Fees (out of state)	$2,514.00
Mileage to school and clinical sites.	Varies
TOTAL (in state)	**$786.00+**
TOTAL (out of state)	**$2,514.00+**

TOTAL FIRST YEAR (in state)	**$4,937.00+**
TOTAL FIRST YEAR (out of state)	**$12,809.00+**

FALL SEMESTER II

*Tuition/Fees (in state)	$1,374.00
*Tuition/Fees (out of state)	$4,446.00
Books	150.00
Liability Insurance	15.00
Mileage to school and clinical sites.	Varies
Misc.	20.00
TOTAL (in state)	**$1,559.00+**
TOTAL (out of state)	**$4,631.00+**

Spring Semester II

*Tuition/Fees (in state)	$1,058.00
*Tuition/Fees (out of state)	$3,362.00
Books	150.00
Mileage to school and clinical sites.	Varies
Certification Exam Packet Fee	247.00
TOTAL (in state)	**$1,455.00+**
TOTAL (out of state)	**$3,759.00+**

TOTAL 2nd YEAR (in state)	**$3,014.00+**
TOTAL (out of state)	**$8,390.00+**

Total Program Cost (in state)	**$7,951.00+**
Total Program Cost (out of state) (Estimated)	**$21,199.00+**

*Based on 2022-2023 tuition rate (subject to change)

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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM (AAS)

TITLE Hrs	CLASS Hrs	LAB Hrs	CLINICAL Hrs	CREDIT
Semester I (Fall 1)				
BIO 163 Basic Anatomy & Physiology	4	2	0	5
MED 121 Medical Terminology I	3	0	0	3
SUR 110 Intro to Surgical Technology	3	0	0	3
SUR 111 Perioperative Patient Care	5	6	0	7
	15	8	0	18
Semester II (Spring 1)				
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
MED 122 Medical Terminology II	3	0	0	3
*SUR 122-AB Surgical Procedures I	4	2	0	5
*SUR 123-AB Surgical Clinical Practice I	0	0	10.5	3.5
	10	2	10.5	14.5
Semester III (Summer)				
HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
*SUR 122-BB Surgical Procedures I	1	1	0	1
*SUR 123-BB Surgical Clinical Practice I	0	0	10.5	3.5
	6	3	10.5	10.5
Semester IV (Fall II)				
BIO 175 General Microbiology	2	2	0	3
MAT 110 Math Measurement/Literacy	2	2	0	3
SUR 134 Surgical Procedures II	5	0	0	5
SUR 135 Surgical Clinical Practice II	0	0	12	4
	9	4	12	15
Semester V (Spring II)				
ENG 114 Prof Research & Report	3	0	0	3
COM 120 Intro to Interpersonal Comm	3	0	0	3
PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SUR 137 Professional Success Prep	1	0	0	1
SUR 211 Adv Theoretical Concepts	2	0	0	2
SUR 210 Adv Clinical Practice	0	0	6	2
	12	0	6	14

Total: 72

ALL **BIO**, **MED**, and **SUR** prefixed courses must be taken in the semester and sequence as shown.
Completion of General Education courses prior to acceptance does not shorten the program.

*Students must complete both SUR 122-AB and SUR-122-BB before credit can be awarded.
*Students must complete both SUR 123-AB and SUR 123-BB before credit can be awarded.

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (must be completed in order to apply to the program)

- Interested applicants must study information packet (see website)
- Admission to CFCC (by Admissions) or active application status
- Official high school transcript on file at CFCC
- Official college/university transcripts (if applicable) on file at CFCC

- English and Math eligibility
- Overall GPA at CFCC of 2.5 or higher (criteria waived if students do not have an established GPA at CFCC)
- Completion of TEAS exam (minimum score of 59 overall). Should submit highest scoring test with intent if testing multiple times

POINT COUNT WORKSHEET | System used for selective admission ranking

SECTION A: NON-COURSEWORK

GPA of 3.5 or higher at CFCC (min 12 credits excluding Developmental Classes)	(5pts)	_____
Preapproved work experience (see information packet)	(10pts)	_____

SECTION B: COLLEGE COURSEWORK

Courses required prior to or during the program as outlined in the college catalog and using the CFCC 10-point grading scale. Points apply if taken prior to the application deadline.

*BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I (4 sem hrs)	A (30pts)	_____
	B (20pts)	_____
	C (10pts)	_____
AND		
*BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 sem hrs)	A (30pts)	_____
	B (20pts)	_____
	C (10pts)	_____
OR		
*BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology (5 sem hrs)	A (60pts)	_____
	B (40pts)	_____
	C (20pts)	_____
*BIO 175 General Microbiology (3 sem hrs)	A (30pts)	_____
	B (20pts)	_____
	C (10pts)	_____

*Only the first attempt with a letter grade of "C" or better in BIO classes within the last five years will be considered for the point count. Courses expire if older than five years prior to the start of the program (i.e. must have been taken the fall of 2020); therefore, points will not be awarded AND cannot be used towards graduation.

MED 121 Medical Terminology I (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____
MED 122 Medical Terminology II (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____
ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry (Expository Writing) (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____
ENG 114 Prof Research & Reporting (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
OR	B (10pts)	_____
ENG 112 Argument Based Research (3 sem hrs)	C (5pts)	_____

PSY 150 General Psychology (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____
MAT 110 Math Measurement & Literacy (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
OR	B (10pts)	_____
MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy (3 sem hrs)	C (5pts)	_____
Fine Arts/Humanities Elective (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
OR	B (10pts)	_____
CIS 111 Basic PC Literacy (3 sem hrs)	C (5pts)	_____
COM 120 Intro to Interpersonal Communication (3 sem hrs)	A (15pts)	_____
	B (10pts)	_____
	C (5pts)	_____

Total Points _____
(Maximum total for sections A and B = 240)

SECTION C: TEAS (VERSIONS 6 AND 7)

	Score
Reading	_____
Math	_____
Science	_____
English and Language Usage	_____
Score Total	_____

(Maximum total for section C is 400)

The minimum cutoff score is 59% overall on the TEAS.

SUMMATION OF POINT TOTALS

Section A	_____
Section B	_____
Section C	_____
Grand Total	_____

NOTE 1: If students have the same point count total, the date and time that the Intent to Apply was submitted will be the deciding factor.

NOTE 2: In order to receive points in any of the areas above, all documentation must be on file at CFCC as outlined in the information packet (by the deadline and in the required format).

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This point count sheet is reviewed each year and is subject to change.
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