

Surgical Technology Technical Diploma to Associate Degree Bridge Admissions Guide

If you are a graduate of NWTC's Surgical Technology Technical Diploma and are looking to advance your current career as a Surgical Technologist, apply your knowledge and work experience to complete the associate degree in Surgical Technology with this bridge program opportunity. To progress through the admissions process, please review and complete the steps listed on this page.

ITEM	COMPLETED
Apply to the Surgical Tech (Bridge Technical Diploma to AD) nwtc.edu/Apply This is your first step – no other items need to be completed to apply! Please submit only <u>one</u> application to the term you plan to start taking any courses (including general studies) at NWTC after high school graduation or equivalent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit Transcripts (if not already on file) Send high school AND college transcripts (if applicable) to transcripts@nwtc.edu NOTE: To be valid and official, transcripts must come directly from the institution to NWTC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Placement Assessments/Evaluation Placement can be met with a high school or college GPA of 2.6 or higher, or with the ACT or Accuplacer. It is important that all transcripts are sent (for review) to determine if further assessment is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graduate of NWTC's Surgical Technologist Technical Diploma We will review your account and complete this item once your application has been submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete 2,000 work hours as a Surgical Technologist AND a minimum of two (2) years experience in the past 5 years Complete the Employment Verification	

The Surgical Technology Technical Diploma to Associate Degree Bridge program admits a limited number of students each year. Once the cohort reaches full capacity, eligible students will be placed on a waitlist. You will become eligible for the waitlist once all requirements listed on page 1 have been successfully completed.

Please be aware that wait times may vary depending on student interest and program availability. In the meantime, we encourage you to complete the following courses:

COURSE NAME (CATALOG NUMBER)	CREDITS	COMMENTS	COMPLETED / SEMESTER
Basic Anatomy (10806189)	3		
Developmental Psychology (10809188)	3		
Oral/Interpersonal Comm (10801196)	3		
Intro to Diversity Studies (10809172)	3	Alternative courses: Intro to American Gov't (10809122), Intro to Ethics (10809166), Intro to Sociology (10809196), Economics (10809195)	
English Composition 1 (10801136)	3		

After your application and all transcripts have been submitted and reviewed and you are eligible to enroll, it's important to connect with your academic advisor to discuss appropriate course placement.

FAQs

Q. How long is the waitlist?

A. Wait times vary based on program demand and space. You will become eligible for the waitlist once all admissions requirements are complete and you are academically prepared for core coursework. Tentative start dates for core classes are released each December for the summer cohort, February for the fall cohort, and July for the spring cohort, according to when your program accepts students for each year or term. Be aware that wait times may extend to multiple semesters or years.

Q. What if I have transfer credits?

A. A transfer review is automatically completed AFTER you have applied AND submitted your official transcripts. If you had fewer than 60 college credits at a C or higher, you must also send your high school transcript. It can take around 2+ weeks for transfer credits to be processed.

Q. What if I don't have a 2.6 GPA or my scores are not high?

A. It is common for students to take developmental courses to ensure their success at NWTC. Your first step is to apply and send NWTC your transcripts for review. Once your transcripts are processed, you may need additional testing to help determine which courses to start with. We will send communication if additional steps are needed towards determining your course placement.

Q. How flexible is the schedule?

A. Once students begin their core coursework, this program is available only as a full-time, in-person offering during daytime hours. Due to the hands-on nature of the skill training involved, no online options are available. Students should expect to commit approximately 40 hours per week to in-person activities, including lectures, labs, clinical and study time on the Green Bay campus, as well as clinical experiences at external sites throughout the district.

Q. Accreditation and Program Outcomes:

A. Accreditation: The Surgical Technologist Program is accredited by Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.

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CAAHEP – Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs 9355 113th St. N, #7709 Seminole, FL 33775

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mail@caahep.org

Program Outcomes: The goal of the Surgical Technologist Bridge Program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to obtain their associate degree as surgical technologists and continue to be contributing members of the health care team. All goals are developed to prepare competent surgical technologist in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains.

Stay on Track with Your Application!

View your application checklist and track your progress by logging into your NWTC Student Portal

student-portal.nwtc.edu/Admissions/NextSteps

Need help? Call us at 920-498-5444 or email start@nwtc.edu

