

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. There are several steps required for admission; it is important to get started on them right away. Below is the recommended order:

ITEM	COMPLETED
Apply to the Surgical Tech pre-program (Bridge Technical Diploma to AD) nwtc.edu/Apply	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Placement Assessments** (If Applicable) The assessment may be waived if your high school or college GPA is 2.6 or higher; or if you have already taken the ACT or Accuplacer. It is important that all transcripts are sent (for review) to determine if the 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	<input type="checkbox"/>

Complete Clinical Requirements in Viewpoint: **After you have completed the admission requirements listed above, you will receive instructions for fulfilling the program Clinical Requirements through Viewpoint. These include a background check, proof of CPR certification, and submission of health records. **Please wait for acceptance to your program and further information from the Learning Division prior to completing these requirements.**

**If you have not completed an American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR course, you will need to complete one prior to starting core coursework (NWTC Catalog #47531200)

The 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	Pre-requisite	Completed/ Semester
Oral/Interpersonal Comm (10801196)	3	GPA greater/equal to 2.6; OR ACT Reading 16+ AND English 16+; OR Accuplacer Reading 250+ AND Writing 237+; or preparatory course	
Developmental Psychology (10809188)	3	GPA 2.6+; OR ACT Reading 16+ AND Writing 15+; OR Accuplacer Reading 250+ AND Writing 237+	
English Composition 1 (10801136)	3	GPA greater/equal to 2.6; OR ACT Reading 16+ AND English 18+; OR Accuplacer Reading 250+ AND Writing 260+; or preparatory course	
Intro to Diversity Studies (10809172) or another Social Science Course from this list: Intro to American Government (10809122) Intro to Diversity Studies (10809172) Intro to Ethics (10809166) Intro to Sociology (10809196) Economics (10809195)	3	GPA 2.6+; OR ACT Reading 16+ AND Writing 15+; OR Accuplacer Reading 250+ AND Writing 237+	

FAQs

Q. How long is the waitlist?

A. Wait times vary due to fluctuations in student interest. You will be eligible for the waitlist once ALL admissions items are completed – actual tentative start dates for program core will be available each July for spring admits and December for fall admits once ALL admissions items are complete. Please note that wait times can extend to a multi-semester timeframe.

Q. What if I have transfer credits?

A. A transfer of credit 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 are the accreditation and program outcomes?

A. 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.

Program Outcomes: The goal of the Surgical Technologist Program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to gain employment as entry level surgical technologists and become contributing members of the health care team. All goals are developed to prepare competent entry-level surgical technologist in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains.

View your application checklist and progress anytime at nwtc.edu/mynwtc! Need Help? Contact us at 920-498-5444 or start@nwtc.edu