



## Certificate of Achievement / Associate Degree Program

# SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

### ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Carrington College's Surgical Technology program encompasses the academic and clinical instruction necessary for graduates to perform the entry-level duties of a surgical technologist. Students are expected to participate in a minimum of 120 surgical cases by the end of the program, which culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or Associate of Science degree.

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [carrington.edu/student-consumer-info](http://carrington.edu/student-consumer-info).

Information about graduation rates, median debt of students who completed the program and other important data can be found at [carrington.edu/cc/st](http://carrington.edu/cc/st).

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

### GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

In this Carrington College degree program, students complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Computer literacy
- Mathematics
- Communication skills
- Social sciences

### TECHNICAL COURSEWORK

The Surgical Technology program comprises the study of microbiology, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, surgical procedures, instrumentation and techniques, preoperative and postoperative routines and care of surgical patients. Terms one through three consist of classroom instruction on theory and principles of surgical technology and lab instruction with surgical-technology skills practice. Term four is the clinical rotation component during which students practice skills and theory in a clinical-site operating room.

Total coursework for certificate (credit hours)	59
Total general education coursework (credit hours)	21
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Total credit hours required for associate degree	80
Certificate Program Length:	64 weeks (not including breaks)
Degree Program Length:	82 weeks (not including breaks)

Students also need to meet admission requirements, including drug screening and background checks, prior to starting the program or prior to clinical rotation. Carrington's academic catalog, available at [carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog](http://carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.



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### CAREERS IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Surgical technologists assist in surgical operations under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. They are members of operating room teams, which are usually also made up of surgeons, anesthesiologists, and circulating nurses.

Prior to surgery, surgical technologists help prepare the operating room by setting up instruments, equipment, and sterile drapes. They also get patients ready by preparing incision sites and help the surgical team put on sterile gowns and gloves. During surgery, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to surgeons and surgical assistants and help prepare specimens for laboratory analysis. Graduates of this Carrington College program may find entry-level employment as surgical technologists in health care settings such as:

- Hospitals
- Outpatient care centers
- Physicians' offices

### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Upon completion of the Surgical Technology program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge required to be a competent surgical technologist in a variety of settings, including hospitals, outpatient surgical facilities and other appropriate sites.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally.

### ACCREDITATION, APPROVALS AND PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at [accjc.org](http://accjc.org).

The Surgical Technology program at the Citrus Heights and San Jose campuses is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, (CAAHEP, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, 727 210 2350, [caahep.org](http://caahep.org)).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation).

The Surgical Technology program is offered to new students at the following campuses:

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA  
SAN JOSE, CA