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Surgical Technologists

Nowhere is teamwork needed more than in the operating room. And the surgical technologist is a key member of the team. Doctors, nurses and patients depend on the sterile field that the surgical technologist sets up and enforces. Surgical technologists also stock the blood and other surgical supplies. Through all stages of the operation, the surgical technologist assists, predicting what will be needed next, while keeping track of the patient's condition.

If you are interested in a career where you can work with a team to help save lives, a career as a **surgical technician** may be for you.

Surgical technologists ensure the safety of patients, sterilize instruments and handle special equipment, drugs and supplies during surgery.

Are You Ready To...?

- Be a responsible member of a medical team with others depending on you
- Sterilize all instruments and equipment needed for an operation
- Shave and clean patients' bodies before surgery
- Assemble all the necessary blood, drugs and equipment before surgery
- Spend hours on your feet during operations

It Helps To Be...

Organized, responsible, attentive to detail and a great team player

A Day In The Life...

- Apply appropriate physical restraint
- Communicate technical information
- Follow infectious materials procedures
- Hand instruments or materials to doctor
- Lift or transport ill or injured patients

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$22.31

*That comes out to more than
\$46,406 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
688 Surgical Technologists.
By 2026, we'll need 869.**

Could you be one of the 181?

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Surgical Technologists

After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for surgical technologists with a **bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate.**



Top 5 Industries for Surgical Technologists

1. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
2. Offices of Physicians
3. Offices of Dentists
4. Outpatient Care Centers
5. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools

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Related College Majors and Associate's Degree Programs

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Nursing (RN)
- Pre-medicine
- Surgical Technology (Associate's Degree)

Related Industry Certifications

- Anesthesiologist Assistant
- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology
- Certificate in Anesthesiology
- Certification of Added Qualifications in Pain Management
- Certified Surgical Assistant
- Certified Surgical Technologist

Related Careers

- Anesthesiologists
- Emergency Medical Technologists and Paramedics
- Physician Assistants
- Radiation Therapists
- Registered Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Surgeons

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