

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Be a part of a medical team
- 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

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	2019 Entry Level Hourly Wage	2018 Employment	Projected 2028 Employment
Capital Area	\$17.12	750	921
Texas	\$16.75	10,520	12,005
United States	\$16.07	111,300*	118,900*

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Medical Care Technician
- Medical Service Technician
- Surgical Technologist

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools
- Outpatient Care Centers
- Offices of Dentists

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after completing a certificate or associate's degree program in surgical technology.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement.

Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at texaslmi.com, JobsEQ at jobseq.eqsuite.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics at bls.gov, and CareerOneStop at careerinfonet.org, 2019, *US projections are for 2019-2029

OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE



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CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

*Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$27.67
- Median Level: \$34.51

Typical Education & Experience

- Associate's Degree

99 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

*Radiologic Technologist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$18.40
- Median Level: \$27.49

Typical Education & Experience

- Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

188 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

*Surgical Technologist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$17.12
- Median Level: \$23.37

Typical Education & Experience

- Postsecondary non-degree award or Associate's Degree

171 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

Medical Equipment Preparer (i.e. Sterile Processing Tech)

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$13.04
- Median Level: \$16.35

Typical Education & Experience

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Moderate On-The-Job Training

This Career Ladder is for illustrative purposes and does not display all pathways for career advancement, as an example Surgical Technologist could also move into Registered Nursing.

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