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ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for inquiring about admission into the Surgical Technology Program offered through Delgado Community College, City Park Campus.

The Surgical Technologist is a sterile team member of a surgical healthcare team whose primary focus is anticipating and assisting the surgeon on various surgical procedures with a goal of enabling patients to return to their best possible state of health. They are knowledgeable in aseptic technique, surgical equipment, supplies and devices used in various surgical procedures, and hundreds of surgical instruments.

The Delgado Community College Surgical Technology Program was formally established in July 1990. Prior to that time, the school operated under the name of Charity Hospital School of Surgical Technicians.

The Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The program is strictly daytime consisting of 4 semesters for a length of 14 months. Full time commitment of both didactics and clinical internship ensures successful education and successful completion. Through a selective admission process. classes are admitted each year in **August and January**. Upon completion of the program, and prior to commencement the National Certification Examination for Surgical Technologist is administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Enrollment in the program is limited and is governed by the number of clinical positions available in affiliate hospitals. All prospective students must contact the Allied Health Division to initiate the application process. **The deadlines to submit applications is March 31st for August Cohort and October 30th for January Cohort.**

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PLEASE NOTE: **The Surgical Technology Program is atypical with regard to semester length. Once a student is accepted into the program, classes begin earlier and last longer than what is printed on the computer class schedule. This Is necessary to fulfill program requirements.**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Acceptance into this program is based on the applicant's personal and academic qualifications.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must possess the personality and ability to work in close contact with patients, hospital employees, and physicians on a day to day basis. He/she must also possess a sincere desire to consistently provide high quality patient care and possess good physical and mental health which is necessary for students' general well- being in order to meet the physical performance standards. He/she should be able to accept the professional responsibilities that are demanded by the operating room staff and possess clarity of mind necessary for health care duties.

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APPLICANTS MUST BE ABLE TO MEET THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE PROFESSION.
Technical Standards are found on the Surgical Technology website.

APPLICANTS WITH COLLEGE CREDITS OLDER THAN 5 YEARS SHOULD CONTACT THE ALLIED HEALTH ADMISSIONS OFFICE FOR ADVISING. Delgado has a policy which addresses Academic Renewal. Academic Renewal is the act of declaring void all prior credits attempted and earned. If you are interested in information regarding Academic Renewal and the procedure to initiate this process you <u>must</u> contact the Delgado Admissions Office at (504) 671-5000.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Surgical Technology program is a two-year associate degree program and is accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Through a selective admission process, two classes are admitted each year (one in January and one in August). Upon completion of the program, the student will be qualified to sit for the national certification examination administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology/Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

What is Surgical Technology?

Surgical technologists serve primarily as members of the surgical team. They work with surgeons, anesthetists, anesthesiologists, registered nurses, and other surgical personnel in delivering patient care and providing a safe environment. The surgical technologist assumes appropriate responsibilities before, during, and after surgery. Surgical technologists may also work in other patient service areas such as the emergency room or hold career-related positions such as central service manager, educator, preservation technologist, research assistant, materials manager, or medical salesperson.

What is the SURG Program like at Delgado?

The SURG Program is a competitive and limited admission program. Eligibility course requirements must be completed prior to entrance into the program. It is a full time 14-month program that combines both didactic and hands-on clinical education. The program is strictly day time (as early as 6:00am – 3:00pm) Monday through Friday. The SURG Program is year-round, 4 consecutive semesters, a program with education being obtained in every semester at the college. (Spring, Summer, Fall and Spring).

NOTE** All students should be prepared financially, emotionally, physically and be academically stable to endure and successfully complete the 2-year program once initially accepted.

COURSES REQUIRED IN MAJOR – TOTAL SURG HOURS: 35

All courses taken in major require a grade of "C" or higher to continue and/or complete the program

- SURG 101 Intro to Medical Legal Aspects of Surgery   2
- SURG 111 Surgical Instrumentation and Procedures   4
- SURG 121 Intro to Surgical Techniques   1
- SURG 141 Intro to Clinical Practicum   4
- SURG 201 Clinical Specialties I   4
- SURG 211 Clinical Practicum I   4
- SURG 202 Clinical Specialties II   4
- SURG 212 Clinical Practicum II   6
- SURG 213 Clinical Practicum III   4
- SURG 215 SACK Seminar   2

REQUIRED RELATED COURSES - TOTAL PRE-SURG COMPONENT CREDIT HOURS: 13

- BIOL 161   Introductory Anatomy & Physiology   3
- BIOL 163   Introductory Anatomy & Physiology Lab   1
- BIOL 211   Microbiology of Human Pathogens   3
- HESC 111   Medical Terminology   3
- HESC 114   Intro to Pharmacology (SURG Majors Only)   3

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - TOTAL GEN-ED CREDIT HOURS: 12

- ENGL 101   English Composition I   3
- *OR* ENGL 110   Intensive English Comp. I   5
- MATH 120   Contemporary Math   3
- Social/Behavioral Science Requirement   3
- Humanities Requirement   3

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS   **60**

*****Note: All Required Related and General Education courses taken require a grade of "C" or higher to continue and/or complete the AAS program

Students planning to pursue a baccalaureate program should contact that receiving institution for determination of course transferability. A listing of Delgado courses can be found by following this link: **Transfer List**

NOTE Candidates are selected based on courses completed by the end of the Spring semester for the August cohort. Summer courses are not a consideration.

Candidates are selected based on courses completed by the end of the Summer semester for the January cohort. Fall courses are not a consideration.

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How do you apply for admission to the SURG Program?

Delgado Community College is an open admission college; however, acceptance into the SURG Program is by selection. The Admission Committee for the SURG Program reviews and evaluates each application on an impartial basis. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. Students wishing to apply for admission to the SURG Program must submit a completed SURG application to the Division of Allied Health **NO LATER THAN MARCH 31ˢᵗ FOR THE FALL COHORT and NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30ᵗʰ FOR THE SPRING COHORT.**

Persons accepted into the SURG Program will be required to meet the technical standards of the CST profession which are available for review at the Allied Health Admissions Office.

When should you apply for admission to the SURG Program?

To be eligible for admission to the SURG program students must:

1. Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Score on the ACT, SAT, or Delgado College Placement test sufficient to place the student at college level courses (ENGL 101 or ENGL 110 and MATH 120).
3. Successfully complete the eligibility course requirements (BIOL 211, BIOL 161/163, and HESC 111).
4. Possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for all college courses.
5. Be able to meet the program's technical standards.

Note: Courses **over 5 years** old may require repetition. Please check with Allied Health Admissions Advisor.

What are the career opportunities for a Surgical Technologist?

The employment outlook for surgical technologists is excellent and demand is growing much faster than average for all occupations. Career search and professional inquiries, however, are the responsibility of the student.

How do you find out if courses you have taken at other schools will transfer to Delgado?

To find out if courses you have taken will transfer to Delgado, bring copies of your transcripts to one of our advisors.

Other recommended (***NOT REQUIRED***) courses include: HESC 116 Dosage and Calculations, HESC 118 Information Management for Allied Health Professionals, HESC 142 Human Disease

Program Effectiveness Data (2017 - 2019)

Year	Pass Rate for National Certification Exam	Graduation Rate	Employment Rate
2019	100%	61%	100%
2018	96%	82%	95%
2017	97%	83%	100%

All applicants who meet the educational and personal qualifications will be scheduled for an orientation session. The orientation data collected is an evaluation tool for selection. Students who do not attend the orientation session or meet the requirements are advised accordingly by letter/email.

SELECTION PROCESS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection to the Surgical Technology Program is based on evaluation of the following criteria for each student:

1. The number of pertinent courses completed (eligibility requirements).

2. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) and most importantly pertinent GPA (GPA in the prerequisite and required related courses which are part of the curriculum). The pertinent GPA is calculated on the basis of all courses taken, including those repeated.

    A grade of "D" in any pertinent course is not considered competitive.

3. The number of times a student has applied to program with enhancement. The application can be enhanced with an increase of applicant's GPA in pertinent courses, medical experience, paid or voluntary, documented by the appropriate forms distributed by the Allied Health Admissions Office.

4. Typed Narrative

5. Orientation data

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Persons accepted into the Surgical Technology Program will be required to:

1. Pass a physician's physical examination prior to admission, once accepted to the program

2. Initiate the Hepatitis B Vaccine series prior to admission, once accepted to the program

3. Be tested for tuberculosis **(TB)** prior to admission, once accepted to program

4. Submit results of MMR, Varicella and Hepatitis B Titers or current immunization documentation of MMR. Varicella, and Hepatitis B vaccines.

5. Be certified in CPR **(BLS for Healthcare Providers)** course prior to admission, once accepted to program

6. Provide own transportation to clinical sites within a 50-mile radius.

7. Able to provide safe patient care on contagious, infectious, and/or disabled persons.

8. Be congenial, flexible and ambitious, accurate, thorough, be dependable, reliable, responsible, and one whom abide by rules, regulations and schedules.

9. Responsible for own medical insurance coverage.

10. Meet the Technical Standards of the Surgical Technology profession which are included in the application packet. The program has a policy which addresses the pregnant student found in the policy and procedure manual.

11. Able to communicate and respect those in authority

12. Submit to and pass drug test and background check. (Random drug testing may be required while in program).

COSTS:

Surgical Technology students pay the same fee for each term as all other students enrolled in the college. Please refer to the current college handbook/Student Handbook for tuition costs and fees.

Lab Fees may be assessed If applicable for classes scheduled.

Other costs include but not limited to uniforms, computer program, lab coat, and textbooks which are approximately $600.00 over the duration of the program. Various financial assistance options are available to students. Information on scholarships, loans and grants may be obtained through the college's Office of Financial Aid. For assistance please call (504) 677-5040.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The completed application packet must be submitted to the Allied Health Division on or BEFORE MARCH 31st to be considered for admission to the upcoming AUGUST cohort of the Surgical Technology Program.

The completed application packet must be submitted to the Allied Health Division on or before OCTOBER 30th to be considered for admission the upcoming JANUARY cohort of the Surgical Technology Program.

The application is complete only when all information requested is received. **PRIOR TO SUBMISSION: STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE COMPLETION OF THEIR APPLICATION, SIGNATURE AND DATE.**

NOTE 1: Notify the Allied Health Admissions Office, Delgado Community College, 615 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, promptly of changes in your address/phone number.

NOTE 2: Please make the necessary arrangements to have all application documents (application, transcripts, etc.) bear ONE name and is currently dated.

NOTE 3: Admission requirements may change from year to year as modifications occur in the program. Applicants are strongly urged to contact the Allied Health Admissions Office periodically to avoid the risk of not meeting admission requirements in the expected time frame.

Read all information thoroughly to ensure completion of the application process.

The application is considered complete only when all supplemental information requested is received in the Allied Health Admissions Office. This includes transcripts from EACH college attended other than Delgado Community College. typed narrative, and completed application form.