

ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



# Surgical Technician Program

Spring 2025



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**CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
*Illinois Valley Community College*

# Continuing Education at Illinois Valley

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classes, visit  
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## WHAT WE OFFER

Community Education, Business Training, Professional Development  
and **Career Training Programs!**

## CAREER TRAINING = NONCREDIT

Noncredit programs, like our Surgical Technician program, **are** typically fast-tracked programs that lead to certification. They **are not** eligible for financial aid and you do not earn traditional college credits.

# Program Details

## IVCC'S SURGICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM ASSISTS LEARNERS IN PREPARING FOR CERTIFICATION.

- In-person; 24 evening sessions
- Must have a high school diploma or the equivalent
- No background in healthcare necessary, but may help in securing employment!
- Tuition is \$1,600.00
- Click [here](#) to learn more.



**In-Person**



**Fast track program!  
24 Sessions; 1  
semester**



**Low tuition cost  
and grant money  
available!**



**Local need for  
Surgical  
Technicians**



**Earn Surgical Tech  
certification**

## COURSE OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain the role of the surgical technician in the operating room and as part of the surgical team.
- Use proper medical terminology based in human anatomy, physiology, and medical conditions.
- Explain proper infection control procedures and practices required in patient care and in the sterile surgical environment.
- Identify the surgical instruments, equipment, supplies, materials, and medications used in general and specialized surgical procedures.
- Explain the procedures performed in preparing the patient for a surgical procedure, caring for the patient during a surgical procedure, and caring for the patient after the surgical procedure.
- Explain how to prepare the surgical environment for specific surgical procedures.
- Explain selected surgical procedures including the role of the surgical technologist.
- Discuss the medical laws and ethics related to surgical procedures and the surgical technologist position.
- Explain effective communication and patient care strategies used for a variety of surgical patients including those with special needs.

# Certification

## *Option 1:*

### AMERICAN ALLIED HEALTH (AAH) SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST CERTIFICATION

## *Option 2: IS CURRENTLY PENDING APPROVAL*

### NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPETENCY TESTING (NCCT) SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

- After completing this program, learners will have the opportunity to take national, industry-recognized certification exam(s) essential to entry-level employment in this fast-growing field.
- Students are responsible for purchasing and registering for their certification exams after successful completion of the program.

*Please note: The State of Illinois does NOT require certification to become a Surgical Technician (or technologist); however, most hospitals and medical facilities do require certification and/or have their own specific requirements. We strongly suggest you research the certification and your goals to ensure they align.*

# Ready to Register?

## STUDENTS MUST ENSURE THE FOLLOWING PRIOR TO REGISTERING:

### **CHECK CLASS AND CERTIFICATION DETAILS**

*Ensure the program and the certification(s) are relevant to you and your goals.*

### **HAVE STUDENT PORTION OF TUITION**

*Students MUST have their portion of tuition to register - we do not accept payment plans. Students in IVCC's Spring 2025 Surgical Technician program are responsible for \$800.00.*

### **CALL THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER**

*Contact Lexis Buckley at the Continuing Education Center at 815-224-0427  
Or, [lexis\\_buckley@ivcc.edu](mailto:lexis_buckley@ivcc.edu) or 815-224-0490*

*Students may register over the phone or in-person!*



# FAQs

## **What is the difference between a Surgical Technician and Surgical Technologist?**

In Illinois, there is no specific requirement for either a Surgical Technician or a Surgical Technologist, so sometimes the term is used interchangeably. However, typically the difference between the two roles is based on the level of education, experience, etc. The program at Illinois Valley Community College prepares students for certification as a Surgical Technician. After three years of full-time work as a Surgical Technician, there is an opportunity to test to become a Surgical Technologist. We highly recommend researching the certifications to ensure they align with your goals (especially if you plan to move out of State in the future and/or have specific employers in mind).

# FAQs

## **Are there opportunity for clinical hours?**

Clinicals are not a requirement for this preparation program. Students interested in obtaining observation hours and/or applying for a clinical experience, may be eligible for OSF's Stipend Program.

OSF's IVCC Surgical Technician Stipend program details can be found [here](#).

## **Do I need to have a history in healthcare?**

No. The only requirement for this program is to have your high school diploma (or the equivalent). This is required to sit for certification.

Experience in healthcare may be helpful in landing a job upon successful completion of the program AND certification exam.

# FAQs

## **Do I need to purchase materials?**

No. The tuition cost includes all textbooks and materials. It does NOT include the cost of the certification exam. These exams vary from \$130.00 – \$200.00.

## **Is the class hands-on?**

Yes. Our Surgical Technician program is a mix of hands-on learning and lecture. Students may be required to do reading outside of class time to ensure they are prepared for their certification exam.

# FAQs

## **What if I start the class and realize it is not a good fit?**

Unfortunately, our Surgical Technician program does NOT offer refunds to students after they have attended class. Students may only receive a refund if they drop from the program 24 hours before class begins.

## **I cannot afford the full tuition amount, are payments an option?**

Because this is a noncredit program, preparing you for certification, tuition must be collected **in full**. A student is not considered registered until payment has been collected.

Although financial aid cannot be used, we're excited to offer the Noncredit Workforce Grant this fall, which will supplement up to 50% of tuition for students in the Surgical Technician program. *Please note that funding is not guaranteed and is based on financial need and available resources.*