

School of Health Sciences
Surgical Technology-Associate of Applied Science
Traditional & Employer Sponsored
Admission Criteria 2026



Applicants are selected on a merit based/competitive admission process. Application does not guarantee admission. See the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#) for current application information.

SLCC ADMISSION PROCESS

1. [Apply to SLCC](#) as a degree seeking student and declare Health Sciences as your Area of Study, and Surgical Technology as the Program of Study. Due to the selective admission process, you will be declared as a Pre-Health Sciences-AS student.
2. Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required upon application to the program.
3. For transfer credit, complete all the required steps in the [SLCC Transfer Evaluation process](#). Be sure to submit transcripts for ALL colleges and universities where prerequisite coursework has been completed. *This process may take 4-6 weeks and must be completed before a student's application will be considered.*
4. Complete [SLCC Placement Process](#) or submit current SAT/ACT test scores if MATH and ENGL course work have not been transferred to SLCC.
5. Schedule an appointment with the [Surgical Technology Academic Advisor online](#) or call 801-957-6215. Students are encouraged to meet regularly with the Surgical Technology advisor.
6. Admissions acceptance/denial will be through the email you entered on your SLCC Health Sciences Application.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS

All required documents must be uploaded to the application portal at the time of submission; no changes or email submissions are accepted.

1. Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisites must be completed with a **C or better**. **BIOL 2320/2325 requires a C+ or higher, can only be taken twice & must be taken within the last 5 years.** See Surg Tech advisor to see how AP scores are calculated in admissions process. Prerequisites are as follows:

COURSE	TITLE	CR	SEM	PREREQUISITE
MATH 1035 or Math 1010 or ANY QL	Quantitative Literacy with Integrated Algebra	4	ALL	Math 1035: None For other math class prerequisites please see the Catalog
BIOL 2320/2325	Human Anatomy/Lab	4	ALL	BIOL 1610/1615 w/C grade or better. Coreq: BIOL 2325
ENGL 1010	Intro to Writing	3	ALL	ENGL 0990 w/ a C or better or appropriate course placement Students are encouraged to learn/use APA referencing in ENGL 1010
HS 1100 (Formerly MA 1100)	Medical Terminology	3	ALL	
COMM 1010	Elem Effec Comm	3	ALL	
PSY 1100 or FHS 1500 or PSY 1010	Lifespan Hum Growth & Development Lifespan Hum Development General Psychology	3 3 3	ALL ALL ALL	
HS 2050	Culture, Ethical, & Legal Issues in Health Care	3	ALL	

POTENTIAL FIRST SEMESTER PREREQUISITE SCHEDULE: Based on Math & English placement and full-time enrollment			
OPTION A:		OPTION B: If placed into Math 1010/1040	
MATH 1035 Quantitative Reasoning w/Integrated Algebra	4	MATH 1030 Quantitative Reasoning	3
ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3
HS 1100 Medical Terminology (Formerly MA 1100)	3	HS 1100 Medical Terminology (Formerly MA 1100)	3
COMM 1010 Elements of Effective Communication	3	Biol 1610/1615 College Biology & Lab	4
Total	13	Total	13

NOTE: Sample schedule does not replace professional academic advising, individual needs may differ. Students should meet with their assigned program advisor on a regular basis.

2. Verification of High School Graduation

Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required. Documentation may include a transcript, diploma, or a letter of explanation of why documentation cannot be provided.

3. Essential Functions

Applicants must sign and date the [Essential Functions document](#) acknowledging they can perform the program's essential functions if admitted.

4. Preferred But Not Required

- Completion of a MA or CNA certification or graduation from an [Area Health Education Center \(AHEC\) program](#) within the last 5 years-must submit certification.
- Community Engagement- Applicants that have demonstrated a willingness to serve others through volunteer community engagement will receive additional consideration on their application. Community engagement can be volunteering at food banks, homeless shelters, emergency assistance programs, neighborhood cleanup programs, etc.

Community Engagement Criteria:

- Engagement should have occurred within the last five years and since high school graduation
- Must be performed within the state of Utah
- Continual experiences encouraged
- Must be served without payment or reward
- Service engagement with underserved groups or populations is encouraged
- Only one experience will be considered for the application

Students must submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor that supervised community engagement. The letter should discuss type of service, length of time committed to serving and where service was performed. Documentation must be submitted via application portal at time of application.

- Veterans verified through the [VA office](#) will be given additional consideration in the application process.

5. Apply Online

Log-in to "MySLCC">Click on "View All Cards" (Found on the right hand side) >Type in and click on "Selective Admissions Forms"> Click on "Start Here" under Health Sciences Programs if you're a first-time applicant. Click on "here" under "apply to open admissions sessions" if you've already registered for the Health Sciences Admissions Portal. Choose Surgical Technology in the application. Online application will only appear on the menu during open application periods.

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$40. The Surgical Technology online application will only appear on the menu during open application periods.

Employer Sponsored applicants must complete a second application process through their chosen hospital system.

Contact the hospital system representative (see next page) to express pursuit of the Employer-Sponsored cohort.

Employer Sponsored applicants must be employed or willing to be employed by IH or U of U Health. Tuition is paid for, and a stipend is provided during the program. Students agree to work for sponsoring hospital system for a specified period following graduation. Seats are limited-selection is competitive. **Contact hospital representative for additional information.**

Employer Sponsored Hospital Representatives

Intermountain Health

David Kay
801-822-2963
David.kay@imail.org

University of Utah

Benjamin Gawle
801-587-5383
b.j.gawle@utah.edu

Surgical Technology Important Dates & Cohort Information

Cohort	Application Dates	Start Term	Schedule	Seats Available	Acceptance/Denial
Traditional	October 1 st - January 15th	Summer May	Mon-Thurs 8:00 am-12:30 pm. Final semester: Clinicals Mon-Fri 6:30a-3:30 pm.	Up to 18	February
Employer Sponsored	January 15 th - May 15th	Fall August	Mon-Thurs 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. Final semester: Clinicals Mon-Fri 6:30a-5:30 pm	Seats are limited, contact healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu for additional information	June

Orientation & Registration information will be sent via "Full Acceptance" letter.

*The School of Health Sciences may reopen the application after the established deadline if it is in the best interest of the program to do so. Check: <http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/> regularly to see if the application has been reopened. All application requirements need to be fulfilled for an application to be considered. Applicants that apply by the original application deadlines will take priority.

AFTER PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance into the program will be given on a "Conditional" basis. Students must complete the following within the allotted time in their "Conditional Acceptance" letter (about 30 days) to receive "Full Acceptance". **If students don't complete these requirements, they will forfeit their spot.** Once "Full Acceptance" is granted, students can register for Surgical Technology classes.

1. **American DataBank Complio:** Students are required to create an American DataBank Complio account to order their background check, submit necessary documentation, and meet immunization compliance requirements. Create an account by going to: <https://saltlakecc.complio.com/>

If you have any problems setting up the account or questions on submitting information, please contact the Customer Service Department for American DataBank Complio. Phone: 1-800-200-0853 (7am-6pm MT Monday – Friday) OR email: complio@americandatabank.com.

2. **Immunizations:** Order "Immunization Compliance Package" from American DataBank Complio, fees apply.
 - a. If accepted into the program, this subscription will need to be renewed every 12 months while in the program, fees apply.
 - b. For specific information, please see the "After You're Accepted Into The Program" section under the desired program on the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#).
 - c. Immunization requirements are subject to change, therefore check the website often and far enough in advance to be able to accommodate deadlines. For questions on immunizations, please contact 801-957-6253 or healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu.
 - d. Required immunizations officially documented and uploaded into American DataBank Complio:
 - i. Annual Influenza Vaccination
 - ii. Annual Tuberculosis (see HS website)
 - iii. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
 - iv. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
 - v. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - vi. Hepatitis B (Series and titer may take up to 1 year, so start well in advance)
 - vii. Hepatitis A vaccination series (highly recommended but not required)

3. **Background Check:** Order “Criminal Background Check Package” through American Databank Comploio, fees apply.
 - a. Students assume the risk if their criminal background check is not clear. If students do not pass the background check, they may not be accepted into the program. This may result in withdrawal from the program after the tuition refund deadline has passed. The clinical site will make the final determination about accepting students for clinical placement.
 - b. It is **strongly** recommended that prospective students take measures to have criminal offenses [expunged](#) or sealed from their record if possible. Students are advised to contact the [Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator](#) with any questions or concerns prior to applying to the program.
4. **Drug Screening:** Order “Drug Screening Package” through American DataBank Comploio, fees apply.
 - a. You will have 48 hours to complete the test once ordered.
5. **CPR Certification:** Documentation uploaded into American DataBank Comploio account
 - a. Current [American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider](#) (CPR) certification. American Red Cross will **NOT** be accepted. BLS (CPR) Certification may be obtained at any certified provider. **Students will need to ensure their BLS (CPR) certification is current throughout the program.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM SCHEDULE			
First Semester		Second Semester	
SURG 1010 Surgical Technology Basics I	3	SURG 2010 Introduction to Surgical Procedures I	5
SURG 1015 Surgical Technology Basics II	2	SURG 2015 Introduction to Surgical Procedures II	4
SURG 1020 Surgical Technology Principles and Practices I	5	SURG 2020 Advanced Surgical Procedures	5
SURG 1025 Surgical Technology Principles and Practices II	4	SURG 2025 Comprehensive Surgical Procedures	4
Total	14	Total	18
Final Semester			
SURG 2030 Clinical Education I	6		
SURG 2040 Clinical Education II	6		
SURG 2050 Surgical Tech Professional Preparedness	2		
Total	14		

Program Hours & Minimum Grades

To retain a position in the program, students **must complete the technical curriculum in the order outlined with a C+ grade or better** in each required class.

First and Second Semester classes are held Mon-Thursday at Jordan Campus. Third Semester hospital placements are made at the discretion of the clinical instructor. Students are placed in a minimum of two different hospital settings during clinical classes, SURG 2030 and SURG 2040. When assigned a clinical site, students must attend clinical Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm (5:30 pm for Employer Sponsored students). Clinical settings include hospitals from Ogden to Payson & Tooele to Park City. Minimum case requirements must be met per current AST core curriculum to meet graduation requirements. This may require an extension of spring semester. If extension is needed, the student will receive an incomplete until graduation requirements are met. This will not require any additional tuition.

Students must provide their own transportation. A \$20.00 liability fee is required per semester. Students will be required to meet weekly at an instructor's advised time at Jordan Campus.

Service Learning

Surgical Technology is a service-learning program requiring students to perform six hours of guided community service. More information will be given to accepted students.

Essential Functions

Students are expected to be able to meet the Surgical Tech Essential Functions to be successful in the program.

www.slcc.edu/surgicaltech

Program Accreditation

This program is a **Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs** accredited program endorsed by the national **Association of Surgical Technologists**: <https://www.ast.org/>. Graduation from a CAAHEP program is an eligibility requirement for taking the national certification exam. Students will graduate with an AAS in Surgical Technology from Salt Lake Community College.

For more information, please contact:

Academic Advisor Surgical Technology Academic Advisor or call: 801-957-6215 3491 W. Wights Fort Road West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Student Center 203	Health Sciences Admissions Office 3491 W. Wights Fort Road West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Health Sciences Center 065 Office: (801) 957-6253 Fax: (801) 957-6324 healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/
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Helpful Websites

[Math & Science Tutoring](#)

[Reading & Writing Tutoring](#)

[Surgical Technology Main Page](#) (Student Handbook, Essential Functions)

[Surgical Technology Admission](#)

[Surgical Technology Career Information](#)

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