

Health Sciences Program Admissions Guide

Surgical Technology Program

Program: Surgical Technology (ST)

Credential(s) Awarded: Surgical Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Webpage: <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/health-sciences/surgical-technician.html>

Program Location: North Metro Campus

Admissions Format: Competitive Admissions. Applicants are ranked according to total admission points, and the applicants with the highest total points are offered available seats. Admission decisions are sent via Chatt Tech student email, typically in June each year.

Course Enrollment and Schedule: Closed enrollment, fixed sequence. Only students accepted to the ST Program can enroll in SURG courses. SURG courses are taken in a fixed, pre-determined sequence each Semester. Schedule is full-time, Monday – Thursday in Fall and Summer, and Monday – Friday in Spring. Classes are primarily in person with some hybrid/online portions.

Program Length: Program is designed to be completed in a total of 5 semesters, including pre-requisites and occupational coursework.

Pre-requisites Courses: Recommended 2 semesters, 29 credits. Pre-requisite courses can be taken on any campus, in any order.

Occupational Coursework: Required 3 semesters, 43 credits. Occupational courses are completed in a fixed, pre-determined sequence.

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Steps to Apply to Surgical Technology Program

Step 1: Apply to Chattahoochee Tech and be accepted.

Go to the [College Admissions webpage](#) to apply.

Student 900# and email address is required to apply to Health Sciences programs (Step 2).

Step 2: Apply to the specific Health Sciences Program.

Go to the [Surgical Technology Program webpage](#) to apply.

Watch the Required Program Information Video before applying.

Application Open: April 01

Application Close: Last day of Spring Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Step 3: Meet all admissions criteria by the published deadlines.

Strongly recommended to collaborate with an [Academic Advisor](#).

See [Admissions Points Checklist](#) for summary. See this document for details.

Must be age 18 years or older at time of program admission.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure their record is complete and accurate.

Prerequisite coursework grades are reported in DegreeWorks/Banner.

ATI TEAS Scores are reported directly by ATI.

Carefully follow instructions to submit optional items.

For assistance email Health Sciences Admission at HealthSciences.Admission@chattahoocheetech.edu

Spring Semester Deadline Items

Deadline for these items is the last day of Spring Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#). Points are awarded using the criteria described for each item. Grade of C or higher is required for all courses. Courses taken during Spring Semester will meet this deadline.

Required Prerequisite Coursework – Spring Deadline

#	Course Requirement	Points
1	Area I: Language Arts/Communication Minimum ENGL 1101*. If ENGL 1101 AND one or more of the listed courses is completed, the highest grade across all attempts will be used to award points.	ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, ENGL 2110, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2310 A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
2	Area III: Natural Sciences/Mathematics Minimum MATH 1100, MATH 1101, MATH 1103, OR MATH 1111*. If MATH 1100 AND one or more of the listed courses is completed, the highest grade across all attempts will be used to award points.	MATH 1100, MATH 1101, MATH 1103, MATH 1111, MATH 1113, MATH 1131, MATH 1132 A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
3	BIOL 2113 Anatomy and Physiology I	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
4	BIOL 2113L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	A = 30 points, B = 25 points, C = 20 points
5	BIOL 2114 Anatomy and Physiology II	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
6	BIOL 2114L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	A = 30 points, B = 25 points, C = 20 points
7	ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences Note: ALHS 1090 may be completed by the Spring Deadline for admission points. If completed by Summer, will be awarded no points.	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points

***Important Note:** Health Sciences Admissions criteria considers multiple courses in Areas I and III to award admission points, but you must have passing credit for courses ENGL 1101 and MATH 1100, MATH 1101, MATH 1103, OR MATH 1111 to meet the requirements for this degree. If necessary, contact the [Records Office](#) to review your record.

Spring Transfer Credit

If coursework is completed at another institution during Spring Semester, please transfer the credit promptly to avoid errors with your application. If you experience a delay, email HealthSciences Admission HealthSciences.Admission@chattahoocheetech.edu to assist with your application.

Prerequisite High School Transfer Credit

High School Transfer credit is considered to meet ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, and PSYC 1101 courses only. Letter grade and points are awarded on the following criteria:

Highschool Credit	Scale
Advanced Placement (AP)	Minimum score is 3. 3 = C, 4 = B, 5 = A.
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Minimum score is 4. 4 or 5 = C, 6 = B, 7 = A
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	Minimum score is 50. All scores 50 and above = C.

Required ATI TEAS Standardized Test – Spring Deadline

Item	Points
ATI TEAS Version 7	• Must be taken in person at a Chatt Tech college campus • Minimum required score = 70.00 • Points awarded equal 50% of composite score, maximum 50.00 points.

ATI TEAS test must be taken in person at a Chattahoochee Technical College campus. A student may take the ATI TEAS two (2) times in a calendar year and must wait a minimum of 30 calendar days in between attempts. The ATI TEAS score is valid for five years.

The ATI TEAS is a standardized test that measures the student's ability in math, reading, grammar and science. A study guide and practice test can be purchased at ATI. The ATI TEAS is available through the [Chattahoochee Technical College's Testing Center](#).

Deadline to take the ATI TEAS is the last day of Spring Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Note: after you complete the ATI TEAS on a Chattahoochee Technical College campus, scores will automatically be reported. You do not need to submit scores with your application.

Optional Healthcare Certification – Spring Deadline

A Healthcare Certification is not required but can earn additional points towards application. Applicants may earn up to 15 total points if they hold active certification in multiple disciplines.

Students may earn 10 optional points if they hold a current and active certification or license in one of the following healthcare disciplines:

- Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)
- Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT)

Students may earn 5 optional points if they hold a current and active certification or license in one of the following healthcare disciplines:

- Certified Endoscope Reprocessor (CER)
- Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor (CFER)

All documentation must be submitted using the link on the program webpage, “Surgical Technology Optional Healthcare Certification Submission”. Documents are uploaded via the college’s Etrieve Platform. Carefully follow the instructions provided on the form.

Please note: paper or emailed documentation will no longer be accepted. All documentation must be submitted electronically using the link provided on the program webpage.

Documentation must include your certification ID#. Proof of Healthcare Certification must be submitted each application year. Documentation from a previous application will not be carried forward or accepted.

Deadline to submit Optional Items is the last day of Spring Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Competitive Admissions Tie Breaker

In the event of a tie in total admissions points, the following criteria will be used in order to determine admission.

1. GPA: The applicant with the highest GPA in all pre-requisite courses will be ranked higher.
2. Science Section: If a tie remains, the applicant with the higher score on the TEAS science section will be ranked higher.
3. Purdue Pegboard Test: If the science section also results in a tie, the applicant with the higher score on the Purdue Pegboard test will be ranked higher.

Summer Semester Deadline Items

Deadline for these items is the last day of Summer Semester as listed on the [college calendar](#). These items must be completed, but are not used to calculate admissions points. Students may apply to the program pending completion of items by the end of Summer Semester. Courses taken during Summer Semester will meet this deadline.

Required Coursework – Summer Deadline

#	Course	Points
1	BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
2	BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab I	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
3	PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
4	General Education Elective (3 credits) See College Catalog or an Academic Advisor for course selection.	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
5	Humanities Elective (3 credits) See College Catalog or an Academic Advisor for course selection.	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
6	ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences Note: ALHS 1090 may be completed by the Spring Deadline for admission points. If completed by Summer, will be awarded no points.	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher

Summer Transfer Credit: if coursework is completed at another institution during Summer Semester, please transfer the credit promptly to avoid errors with your application. If you experience a delay, email HealthSciences Admission HealthSciences.Admission@chattahoocheetech.edu to assist with your application.

Admissions Points Checklist – ST Program

Spring Semester Deadline Items		
Item	Available Points	My Points
Submit Program Application. Application Open: April 01 Application Close: Last day Spring Semester on the college calendar	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
Watch Required Program Information Video	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
Minimum GPA of 2.0 for all Spring Semester Deadline courses	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
ATI TEAS, taken on campus at Chatt Tech. Minimum score = 70.00	50% of composite score, Max 50.00 points	/50
Area I: Minimum ENGL 1101	Max 40 points	/40
Area III: Minimum MATH 1100	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2113	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2113L	Max 30 points	/30
BIOL 2114	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2114L	Max 30 points	/30
ALHS 1090	Max 40 points	/40
Optional Healthcare Certification	Optional: Max 15 points	/15
Summer Semester Deadline Items		
Item	Available Points	My Points
BIOL 2117	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
BIOL 2117L	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
PSYC 1101	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
General Education Elective	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
Humanities Elective	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
ALHS 1090 (if not completed by Spring)	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
	Total Possible Points: 325	/325

Course Information – Surgical Technology Program

Recommended Prerequisite Course Sequence

The program does accept transfer credit for prerequisite courses taken at other institutions. See [Transfer Credit](#) webpage.

Semester 1	Semester 2
ENGL 1101 (3 credits)	BIOL 2114 (3 credits)
Area III: MATH Course (3 credits)	BIOL 2114L (1 credit)
BIOL 2113 (3 credits)	BIOL 2117 (3 credits)
BIOL 2113L (1 credit)	BIOL 2117L (1 credit)
PSYC 1101 (3 credits)	General Education Elective (3 credits)
ALHS 1090 (2 credits)	Humanities Elective (3 credits)
Total: 15 credits	Total: 14 credits

Required Occupational Course Sequence

Occupational coursework must be taken in the required, predetermined sequence. The program does NOT accept transfer credit for occupational course taken at other institutions. See College Catalog for course descriptions.

Semester 1 (Fall)	Semester 2 (Spring)
SURG 1010	SURG 1100
SURG 1020	SURG 2030
	SURG 2110
	SURG 2120
	SURG 2130
Total credits: 17	Total credits: 16
Semester 3 (Summer)	
SURG 2040	
SURG 2140	
SURG 2240	
Total credits: 10	

Total Degree Credit Hours: 72