

PROGRAM
Surgical Technology, Diploma & Associate in Applied Science
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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE NOTES

Requirements for employment as a Surgical Technologist vary from state to state. Certification is voluntary. CST certification from the NBSTSA is recognized in all 50 states.

In states where the profession is not regulated at the state level, employers may require education and national credentials.

Some states require that a particular body accredit the academic program. Other examples of requirements (among others) may include submission of an official college transcript, a Social Security number, and a photo ID, driver's license, or passport. Some states require criminal background checks and fingerprinting. Final determination of individual state requirements for licensure or registry can only be confirmed by that state's governing body.

North Carolina does not require licensure. Certification is a voluntary process; however, most employers prefer to hire certified practitioners.

Sandhills Community College Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. Graduates of Sandhills' diploma program are required to take the national certification exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting to become Certified Surgical Technologists (CST).

STATE	MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DOES NOT MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
Alabama		X	
Alaska		X	
American Samoa		X	
Arizona		X	
Arkansas		X	
California		X	
Colorado		X	
Connecticut		X	
Delaware		X	
Florida		X	
Georgia		X	
Guam		X	
Hawaii		X	
Idaho		X	
Illinois		X	
Indiana		X	
Iowa		X	
Kansas		X	
Kentucky		X	
Louisiana		X	
Maine		X	
Maryland		X	
Massachusetts		X	
Michigan		X	
Minnesota		X	
Mississippi		X	
Missouri		X	
Montana		X	
Nebraska		X	
Nevada		X	
New Hampshire		X	
New Jersey		X	
New Mexico		X	
New York		X	
North Carolina	X		
North Dakota		X	
Northern Mariana		X	
Ohio		X	
Oklahoma		X	
Oregon		X	
Pennsylvania		X	
Puerto Rico		X	
Rhode Island		X	
South Carolina		X	
South Dakota		X	
Tennessee		X	
Texas		X	
US Virgin Islands		X	
Utah		X	
Vermont		X	
Virginia		X	
Washington		X	
West Virginia		X	
Wisconsin		X	
Wyoming		X	

