Surgical Technology
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Due to limited number of seats available, entry in to the surgical technology (SURG) courses requires a selection process. The UAA Surgical Technology program can accept up to 15 students annually. In order to be considered for acceptance into the UAA Surgical Technology full-major program, the application and all required support documentation must be received prior to the upcoming fall semester. Supplemental documentation must be uploaded through the online application. Incomplete applications will not be processed and applicants will not be notified of incomplete applications or missing documentation.

To qualify as a candidate for the indicated year, applicants must:

- Be admitted as a degree-seeking student at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).
- Have a "C" or better in all prerequisite coursework. Unless otherwise approved by the Surgical Technology Program Director, all coursework must be documented on the UAA transcript.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all prerequisite coursework.
- Submit application and all application materials prior to the start of the fall semester. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

To qualify as a candidate for the indicated year, your file must contain the following:

- Completed and submitted Surgical Technology web application
- Completed prerequisite coursework indicated on the UAA academic transcript
- Application Essay
- Immunization Record Form from the UAA Student Health and Counseling Center

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Student Information

Sudent Last Name: * [   ]   Student First Name: * [   ]   Middle Initial: [   ]

UA Student ID Number: * [   ]   UAA Email Address: * [   ]

Preferred Telephone Number: * [   ]

Communication from the Surgical Technology Program is sent to the email address above. If the email listed above is not your preferred email address, please see these instructions to set up email forwarding. If you have additional questions, please contact the UAA IT Services Call Center at (907) 786-4646. **Please acknowledge below that you are aware of this policy.**

* ○ I acknowledge that communications will be sent to the email above.

1. If you will be submitting documents and or/records under a previous name, please list the previous names that will appear on document (s)/record(s):

Previous Name(s): [   ]

2. I am admitted as an undergraduate degree-seeking student at the University of Alaska Anchorage: * [-- Please Select -- ▼]

3. What is your current degree and major?   * [   ]

4. I have completed or will complete all prerequisite coursework. (Enrolled courses for the Spring 2022 semester within the University of Alaska system will be considered complete.)
* [-- Please Select -- ▼]

5. I have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above for all prerequisite coursework.
* [-- Please Select -- ▼]

7. The UAA Surgical Technology Program will score candidates' coursework based on what is available on the UAA transcript. Unless otherwise approved by a faculty advisor, all transfer coursework for the coursework detailed below must be accounted for on the UAA transcript no later than the end of the University of Alaska Spring academic term.

Prerequisites Courses (required)

- Proof of placement into MATH A105 Intermediate Algebra or a higher course, or completion of MATH A055 Elementary Algebra or MATH A060 Essential Mathematics, or a higher course with a minimum of grade C or better.
- BIOL A111/L Anatomy and Physiology I **OR** BIOL A113 Lectures in Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3-4 credits)
- BIOL A112/L Anatomy and Physiology II **OR** BIOL A114 Lectures in Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3-4 credits)
- MA A101 Medical Terminology (3 credits)
- MA A104 Essentials of Human Disease (3 credits)
- ENGL/WRTG A111 Introduction to Composition/Writing Across Contexts (3 credits)
- BIOL A241 Lectures in Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences **OR** BIOL A240 Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences (3-4 credits)

General Degree Requirements (strongly recommended)

- WRTG A211 Academic Writing About Literature **OR** WRTG A212 Technical Writing **OR** WRTG A213 Writing in the Social & Natural Sciences **OR** WRTG A214 Persuasive Writing (or WRTG equivalent)
- COMM A111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication **OR** COMM A235 Small Group Communication **OR** COMM A237 Interpersonal Communication **OR** COMM A241 Public Speaking
- PSY A111 General Psychology **OR** PSY A150 Lifespan Development **OR** SOC A101 Introduction to Sociology

Completion of the prerequisite courses as listed above must be complete in order to meet minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete general degree requirements in order to fully satisfy degree requirements prior to enrollment in the Surgical Technology Program. However, general degree requirements may be taken concurrently with the Surgical Technology (SURG) courses. All General Degree Requirement courses must be completed in order to qualify for graduation.

Are you currently enrolled in any prerequisite courses?

*-- Please Select -- ⌄

8. Have you attended any colleges other than the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)? *-- Please Select -- ⌄

9. In the space provided, write an essay addressing the following topics. Please limit your essay response to no more than 1000-1200 words.

- Describe what experiences influenced you to choose surgical technology as your profession and what keeps you engaged at this point in your career.
- Explain your career goals and how the AAS Surgical Technology degree will help you achieve them.
- Explain why you should be selected as a student in this program.

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10. Do you have an Aversion to Blood? * -- Please Select -- ▼

11. Do you have any medical conditions that may interfere with your ability to stand for long periods of time, go for a number of hours without eating, and have low tolerance to flashing lights or putrid smells?
* -- Please Select -- ▼

12. Do you have a latex or drug allergy? * -- Please Select -- ▼

13. Have you attached your completed UAA Student Health and Counseling immunization record or a certified School of Allied Health Immunization Record form?
* -- Please Select -- ▼

*Verification of immunizations for current UAA students must be completed through the UAA Student Health & Counseling Center. For those students currently ineligible to use the UAA Student Health & Counseling Center, please submit a completed immunization record, verified and signed by a health care provider on the form provided on the UAA Surgical Technology Forms & FAQ website. Immunizations not submitted as a printout from the UAA Student Health and Counseling Center's online student portal or on the School of Allied Health Immunization Record Form will not be accepted and may be cause for disqualification from the application process.

14. Have you previously applied to the UAA Surgical Technology Program? * -- Please Select -- ▼

15. Below is a list of application documents that must be received by the Surgical Technology Department for consideration as a surgical technology candidate. Please select all the support documentation that has been submitted to the department. If an item has yet to be submitted, please submit remaining support documentation no later than the application deadline.

- Completed Surgical Technology Full-Major Application
- Application Essay
- Immunization Record Form from the UAA Student Health and Counseling Center.
- Two Recommendations completed on the forms provided

* ☐ **I acknowledge that the above listed documents must be received by the UAA Surgical Technology Program to process my application.**

16. Once admitted to the UAA Surgical Technology Program, students will be required to provide the following:

- Proof of completion of all required immunizations.
- FBI & State of Alaska criminal background check and fingerprinting. Information will be provided by the program after selection is made. This must be completed prior to the start of classes. Due to clinical site requirements, any applicant that has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may not be eligible for clinical placement, which will prevent academic progress and degree completion. Certification and licensure processes may also be impacted by results of a criminal background check. Applicants are encouraged to address any concerns regarding the background check requirement prior to application.
- Proof of medical insurance.

* ☐ **I acknowledge that the above listed documents are required by the UAA Surgical Technology Program upon admission to the program.**

Preclinical and Clinical Requirements

Working Conditions

Surgical Technologists work in clean, well-lighted, cool environments. They must stand for long periods and remain alert during operations. At times they may be exposed to communicable diseases and unpleasant sights, odors, and materials. Surgical Technologists must understand that workers with impaired immune systems resulting from HIV infection or other causes are an increased risk of acquiring or experiencing serious complication of infectious disease.

Essential Requirements

Students entering the Surgical Technology program must have the ability to perform a number of activities in the clinical portion of the program. At the minimum, students must:

- Be able to bend, walk, stand for long period s of time, lift, carry, and push equipment, supplies and patients exceeding 25 pounds.
- Be able to work in environmental temperatures from 60 degrees to 95 degrees Fahrenheit range.
- Be aware that exposure to latex gloves may cause the development of allergic reactions.
- Be aware that their skin should be clear and free of conditions, which would impair the integrity of skin.
- Be able to go long periods of time without going to the restroom or taking a break.
- Be able to demonstrate the ability to functionally perceive the nature of sounds and spoken words. Adaptive techniques or devices may be used.
- Be able to demonstrate the functional ability to obtain impressions of shape, size, and motion by passing routine vision screening and to distinguish red and green colors. Adaptive devices may be used.

    Surgical Technology students must not be infected with any infectious diseases that could be transmitted to patients. Surgical Technology students must also be aware that hospitals perform a pre-clinical drug screening test.

Once admitted to the UAA Surgical Technology Program, students will be required to provide the following:

- A copy of current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Provider certification
- FBI & State of Alaska criminal background check and fingerprinting. Information will be provided by the program after selection is made. This must be completed prior to the start of classes. Due to clinical site requirements, any applicant that has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may not be eligible for clinical placement which will prevent academic progress and degree completion. Certification and licensure processes may also be impacted by results of a criminal background check. Applicants are encouraged to address any concerns regarding the background check requirement prior to application.
- Proof of current medical insurance coverage.
- A drug-screening lab test

Maintain current immunizations throughout the entire Surgical Technology Program

* ☐ **I acknowledge that I have read the above Preclinical and Clinical Requirements for acceptance into the UAA Surgical Technology Program.**

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Signature   _____Date:_____