

## About the Program

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Surgical Services prepares students to become contributing members of a healthcare team and to demonstrate safe patient care and surgical consciousness.

**Note:** If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

This program requires a **minimum of 64 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic degree plan. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

## Program Requirements

**This is a Limited Access Program.** Students must follow the program application procedure and fulfill all requirements outlined in the college catalog. **Prerequisite courses** include:

- ENC 1101 - English Composition I **or** ENC 1101C - English Composition I Enhanced **or** ENC 1102 - Writing About Texts
- One General Education Mathematics course
- BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I

The **application deadlines** are May 15 each year with classes starting in Fall Term and September 15 each year with classes starting in Spring Term.

## Program Accreditation

The Florida State College at Jacksonville A.S. degree in Surgical Services program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 9355 113th St. N. #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, (727) 210-2350, or <http://www.caahep.org/>, upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

## Important for You to Know

**This academic roadmap does not include** developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics or other prerequisite courses that you may be required to take. In addition, it does not include program graduation requirements.

This program enables the graduate to sit for the National Certifying Examination to become a Certified Surgical Technologist (CST). Students who pass the CST exam will be eligible for licensure in surgical technology through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). For more information about CST certification, visit <https://www.nbstsa.org/cst-certification>.

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**Alternative starting or completion points include:** Central Sterile Processing Technologist (T.C.).

## Additional Information

- ⇒ **Program Information**, including advisor contact details: <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/programs/as/2167>.
- ⇒ **Associate in Science Degree Information**, including graduation requirements: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/degree-certificate-programs/associate-in-science-degrees>.
- ⇒ **\*Program Requirements:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/programs/2167>.
- ⇒ **Math Pathways Information:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/math-pathways>.

## Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Prior to enrolling in classes, please **meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan. Some courses are offered only once per year; advising is critical for course progression.

*\*See the **program requirements** for general education course options.*

This program includes an **Algebra Through Calculus math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students whose academic program requires a foundation of algebra, followed by a sequence of courses that may lead to calculus.

### General Education Courses

Course	Credits
General Education Humanities Core course	3
AMH 2010 - United States History to 1877 <b>or</b> AMH 2020 - United States History from 1877 to the Present <b>or</b> POS 2041 - American Federal Government	3

### Term 1

Course	Credits
STS 1538 - Medical Terminology for Surgical Technology	2
BSC 2086C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
STS 1307C - Surgical Sciences and Instrumentation	4

### Term 2

Course	Credits
STS 1302 - Introduction to Surgical Technology	4
STS 1302L - Introduction to Surgical Technology Lab	2
STS 1310 - Surgical Principles and Techniques	4
STS 1310L - Surgical Principles and Techniques Lab	2
STS 1340 - Pharmacology and Anesthesia	2
STS 2365 - Perioperative Professionalism and Teamwork	2

### Term 3

Course	Credits
STS 2953 - Surgical Technology Portfolio	1
STS 2323 - Surgical Procedures I	4
STS 2323L - Surgical Procedures I Lab	2
STS 2324 - Surgical Procedures II	4
STS 2324L - Surgical Procedures II Lab	2

### Term 4

Course	Credits
STS 2936 - Surgical Certification Symposium	1
STS 2944C - Surgical Technology Clinical I	4
STS 2945C - Surgical Technology Clinical II	4