

## Surgical Technology Program

### Application Checklist

Students interested in pursuing admission into the Surgical Technology program at Iowa Western Community college must complete all admission requirements listed below in sections 1 and 2. In order to be eligible for admission, the requirements listed below must be submitted to the Admissions Office by the priority deadline. If the program does not fill on this date, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the program has filled.

The Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756. Additional accreditation information can be found online at: <http://www.caahep.org/>.

Location	Start Date	Priority Deadline	Program Capacity
Council Bluffs	Spring Semester (January)	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	24
<p><b>It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all admissions requirements are on file with the Office of Admissions and that his or her admissions application is correct, including intended start term, start year, and location.</b></p>			

### Section 1: College Admission Requirements

- Complete an Iowa Western application for admission:** The application is online at [www.iwcc.edu](http://www.iwcc.edu) and there is no application fee. When completing the application for admissions, applicants should select which location (Council Bluffs) and which start term (Spring) they wish to begin the program.
- Request Transcripts:** You need to have a final, official high school transcript or HiSET/GED transcript sent to Iowa Western. If you have completed college course work, you will need to have an official college transcript sent to Iowa Western from the institution where the credit was earned.
- Test scores are not required for admission to the College.** However, students who have taken a standardized college aptitude test, like the ACT or SAT, need to have their most recent scores sent to the Admissions Office. Test scores, in addition to previous coursework and non-cognitive assessment results, are utilized by advisors to help determine placement into appropriate math and English courses.

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All students who complete the college admissions requirements listed in Section 1 will be accepted to Iowa Western as a Prep-Surgical Technology student and are eligible to enroll in general education courses. For more information on getting registered for general education courses, or for help with the admissions requirements, please contact us at [admissions@iwcc.edu](mailto:admissions@iwcc.edu) or call 712.325.3277.

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## Section 2: Surgical Technology Program Admission Requirements

- **The following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.**
  - BIO 168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I: (This course has a prerequisite: A grade of "C" or higher in Human Biology at the college level, or one year of high school Anatomy and Physiology with a grade of "C" or higher earned within the last two years.)
  - HSC 113 Medical Terminology
  - MAT 743 Technical Math
  - ENG 105 Composition I
  - SPC 122 Interpersonal Communication

In the fifth term of the Surgical Technology program students are charged a \$290 certification exam fee.

### Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
BIO 157 Human Biology – <i>may be waved</i>	4	*BIO 168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
		*HSC 113 Medical Terminology	3
		*MAT 743 Technical Math	3
		*ENG 105 Composition I	3
		*SPC 122 Interpersonal Communication	3
Total Credit hours		Total Credit Hours	
	4		16

\*Classes listed with an asterisk are required for acceptance. Additional classes listed are needed to graduate from the Practical Nursing program. It is important to remember that taking the additional program general education courses may impact your full-time status when accepted into the Practical Nursing program.

## Section 3: Acceptance process for Surgical Technology Program

After completing Section 1: College Admissions Requirements and Section 2: Surgical Technology Admissions Requirements your application is complete. The Admissions Office does not require a separate application. Our offices uses what is called your "Start Term" (example: fall 2021) for acceptance in our competitive programs. It is important that the start term on file correctly reflects the semester you anticipate starting the program. Students can request to have their start term updated by submitting the [Update Start Term Form](#).

Acceptance will begin on the listed acceptance deadline, see chart on page one. If a tie breaker is required, preference will be given to the students with the highest number of prerequisite courses completed at Iowa Western. If a second tie breaker is needed, preference will be given to the students with the earliest application file completion date. If the program does not fill on the priority acceptance deadline, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the program is full. Students are notified of the acceptance status within two weeks of the deadline via email.

The Admissions Office will accept students who are in progress of completing their courses during the fall semester, with the contingency that classes are successfully completed at the end of the semester. Note, this option is only offered to students enrolled in classes at Iowa Western.



## Section 4: Frequently Asked Questions

### How long does it take to get into the Surgical Technology Program?

Iowa Western does not utilize a waiting list, so the amount of time it takes to get into the program varies by student depending on how long it takes to complete the College Admissions Requirements and the Surgical Technology Program Admissions Requirements listed above. The prerequisite courses typically take one to two semesters to complete for students who enter the college with no college credit.

### Is there a separate application process to apply for the program?

Iowa Western requires that students submit an application of admission to the college. There is no separate application for the Surgical Technology program. The Admissions Office uses what is called your "Start Term" (example: fall 2021) for acceptance in our competitive programs. It is important that the start term on file correctly reflect the semester you anticipate starting the program. Students can request to have their start term updated by submitting the [Update Start Term Form](#).

### If I do not complete the requirements for the program in time to be accepted, can I reapply?

Yes. To re-apply, simply update your start term – [Update Start Term Form](#). You may also visit the Admissions Office, contact us at [admissions@iwcc.edu](mailto:admissions@iwcc.edu) or 712.325.3277 and request to change your start term.

### How will I know if I get accepted to the Surgical Technology Program?

Approximately two weeks after acceptance begins, which is September 1st for the spring semester, you will receive an email from the Admission Office indicating your acceptance status. If the program is not full at that time, we will continue accepting students who complete the requirements until the program fills.



\*Admissions Requirements are subject to change. Contact Office of Admissions for questions.

## Equal Educational Opportunity and Non-discrimination

It is the policy of Iowa Western Community College to provide equal educational opportunities and not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, genetic information, physical or mental disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, marital status, veteran status, AIDS/HIV status, citizenship, or medical condition, as those terms are defined under applicable laws, in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. Inquiries and complaints regarding equal opportunity and nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Equal Opportunity Coordinators, phone number 712-325-3200, [equity@iwcc.edu](mailto:equity@iwcc.edu); or the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661, phone number 312-730-1560, fax 312-730-1576.

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