

Surgical Technology Program

Additional Admission Requirements

Students interested in the Surgical Technology program complete all admission requirements listed below by the acceptance deadline. Applicants must submit both the [Iowa Western application](#) for admission and the **new for spring 2026 Surgical Technology application**. If the program does not fill by the deadline, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached.

The Surgical Technology program at Iowa Western is accredited by the [Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs \(CAAHEP\)](#) upon the recommendation of [Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting \(www.arcstsa.org\)](#).

Program Locations, Start Dates, and Deadlines:

| Location | Semester Program Begins | Acceptance Deadline | Program Capacity |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Council Bluffs | Spring (January) | September 1 | 18 |

Important: Apply to Iowa Western for your intended start term and submit the **new for spring 2026 Surgical Technology application** once all requirements are met. Ensure all documents are submitted and your application reflects the correct start term, year, and location.

Section 1: College Admission Requirements

To apply for Iowa Western, complete the following steps:

- **Submit an Application:**
 - Apply online at www.iwcc.edu.
 - There is no application fee.
- **Request Transcripts:**
 - Have your final, official high school transcript, HiSET/GED transcript, or college transcript sent to Iowa Western. For more details on submitting official transcripts, please refer to item 2 on the [Admissions page](#).
- **Optional Test Scores:**
 - Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT) are not required for admission.
 - If available, submit your most recent scores to help advisors determine placement in math and English courses.

Note: Completing these steps ensures acceptance to Iowa Western as a General Studies AS student with a secondary program of "Prep Surgical Technology." Students can then enroll in general education courses required for the Surgical Technology program. For help with registration or admissions requirements, contact us at admissions@iwcc.edu or call 712-325-3277.

Section 2: Surgical Technology Program Admission Requirements

To apply for the Surgical Technology program, complete the following steps:

1. Complete Prerequisite Courses:

- Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each of the following courses:
 - ENG-105: Composition I
 - SPC-122: Interpersonal Communication
 - MAT-743: Technical Math
 - HSC-113: Medical Terminology
 - BIO-168: Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 - *Prerequisite:* "C" or higher in Human Biology or high school Anatomy and Physiology within the last two years.

2. New for spring 2026 Submit a Surgical Technology Application:

- Complete the [Surgical Technology application](#), ensuring all required attachments are included. Missing items will result in the application being returned for correction.

Note: Ensure all requirements are met before submitting the [Surgical Technology application](#). For assistance, contact the Admissions Office at admissions@iwcc.edu or 712-325-3277.

Recommended Course Sequence:

| Semester | Courses | Credits |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| First Semester | BIO-157: Human Biology (may be waived) | 4 |
| | *ENG-105: Composition I | 3 |
| | *HSC-113: Medical Terminology | 3 |
| Second Semester | *BIO-168: Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| | *MAT-743: Technical Math | 3 |
| | *SPC-122: Interpersonal Communication | 3 |

Note: Classes marked with an asterisk are required for acceptance. Additional listed courses are needed to graduate from the Surgical Technology program. Keep in mind that taking extra general education courses may impact your full-time status once you are accepted into the program.

Section 3: Acceptance Process

1. Eligibility and Application Review:

- Complete the College Admissions Requirements (Section 1) and the Surgical Technology Program Admissions Requirements (Section 2), including the **new for spring 2026** [Surgical Technology application](#).

2. Priority Deadlines:

- Acceptance begins after the listed priority deadlines:
 - **Spring Semester:** September 1
- Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after these dates until the program is full.

3. Selection Process:

- If the number of eligible applicants exceeds program capacity, priority is given to:
 - Students with the highest number of prerequisite courses completed at Iowa Western.
 - *Tiebreaker:* Students with the earliest admission file completion date.

4. Students Completing In-Progress Courses:

- Students enrolled in prerequisite courses at Iowa Western during the **fall** semester may apply with the contingency that all in-progress courses must be successfully completed by the end of the semester.

5. Notification:



- Students accepted into the program will be notified via email approximately two weeks after the priority deadline.

Section 4: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How long does it take to complete the program requirements?

Prerequisite courses typically take 1-2 semesters to complete for students who enter without prior college credit.

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

Yes! *Beginning in spring 2026*, students must complete a [Surgical Technology application](#) after meeting all required admission steps. Incomplete applications will be returned for correction.

3. What happens if I don't meet the priority deadline?

Applications submitted after the priority deadline will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, provided there are still spaces available.

4. How will I know if I get accepted?

Accepted students will receive an email approximately two weeks after the priority deadline. If the program doesn't fill during priority acceptance, we will continue accepting qualified students until capacity is reached or the semester is about to begin.

Non-Discrimination Clause:

Iowa Western is committed to providing an inclusive environment. Please review our [Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination](#) for the latest information.

Admissions Contact Information:

Admissions Office:

- Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Phone: 712-325-3277
- Email: admissions@iwcc.edu

