LFCC SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*v WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?*

➢ Applications for the 2017 class are accepted beginning January 15th, 2017.
➢ Application must be completed and submitted by May 1, 2017.

*v HOW DOES IT BENEFIT ME TO APPLY EARLY?*

➢ Submitting official transcripts of high school and college coursework will enable us to provide guidance and answers to questions you may have as you prepare for this major plan of study.
➢ We encourage you to meet with the Surgical Technology program Director each semester prior to open enrollment to review course selection.

*v WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY?*

➢ Surgical Tech applications must be submitted directly to the Office of Nursing & Health Professions – if you fail to do so, be aware we will not be responsible for delays in processing your application.
➢ Complete the following and submit (if applicable) in one envelope to:

Lord Fairfax Community College
Attn: Carol Williams, SHP 138
173 Skirmisher Lane, Middletown, VA 22645

☐ Apply to LFCC by completing the College application, if not currently attending. You must complete the application online at https://apply.vccs.edu .
  o Placement testing should be completed prior to submitting the application.
  o Please indicate you program/plan of study as Surgical Technology on the application and your term/semester to begin no later than fall 2017.
  o If you have transcripts from other colleges that you would like evaluated, please submit “official” transcripts to Admissions and Records and complete the “Transfer Credit Evaluation Request” form prior to submitting your application.

☐ Apply to the Surgical Technology Program by completing a 2017 application form. Applications are available on the website at http://www.lfcc.edu/areas-of-study-a-to-z/health-professions-997/surgical-
If you do not have computer access, you can pick up an application at the Nursing & Health Professions Office, Room 138 in the Science and Health Professions Building or request one be mailed to you by calling 540.868.7075.

- Include the following with your application:
  - All **Official Sealed Transcripts** (High School & ALL Colleges) and GED scores (If applicable).
    - Applicants should request official transcripts be mailed to their home address. Once received, DO NOT open the sealed official envelope as it will no longer be “official”. Mail the transcripts with you application to the address listed above in a large envelope.
    - GED holders must also submit official high school transcripts if they completed at least through 9th grade.
    - Official transcripts must be submitted from ALL colleges attended. LFCC transcripts do not have to be official transcripts. If any school refuses to issue an official transcript directly to the student, please have it sent directly to the Office of Nursing and Allied Health Professions at the address above.
    - **Home schooled students** must provide a detailed curriculum progress/grade report from their school administrator.

  - **Please Note**: The required GPA is calculated as of the end of the fall 2016 semester. All applicants who attempt or complete college or high school courses after their initial academic file is complete must submit updated transcripts through fall 2016 prior to the May 1, 2017 deadline.
    - **High School seniors** must provide an updated HS transcript for the grading period that ends usually in late January (must be postmarked) before the May 1 deadline.
    - **All updated transcripts must** be sent directly to the Nursing & Health Professions office at the address above.

- **WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM?**
  - Evidence of a high school diploma or GED
  - Grade point average of 2.5 or above
  - High school graduates and GED holders who earned less than a 2.5 GPA during HS will be considered for admission if they have generated a college GPA of 2.5 or above based on a least 8 semester college credit hours within a 12-month period at one institution (developmental courses are not used in GPA calculations).
The following course with a grade of “C” or higher: Biology. Appropriate developmental or college courses can be substituted for high school deficiencies, but must be complete by the end of the spring 2017 semester to be eligible for the 2017 program.

**WILL I NEED TO SUBMIT ANY OTHER MATERIALS OR TAKE ANY TESTS?**

- You will be required to take the TEAS V for Allied Health test.
  - Testing is available January 15, 2017 until April 29, 2017. The testing schedule will be posted on the LFCC Surgical Tech website.
  - Email Kelsie Owens at kowens@lfcc.edu to schedule a test date
  - 45% or higher is required to be eligible for the surgical technology program

**IS ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM COMPETITIVE? ARE THERE ADMISSION PRIORITIES?**

- Priority is given to applicants who:
  - a GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - Completed all high school prerequisites or anticipate completion of the missing prerequisites by the end of the spring 2017 semester.
  - Resides in the LFCC service area.
  - A TEAS V for Allied Health score of 45% or higher
  - The program is competitive

**WHO MAKES THE ADMISSION DECISIONS? WHEN ARE THE RESULTS GIVEN TO THE APPLICANTS?**

- Decisions are made by the Selection Committee, which meets in mid-May.
- There may be interviews at the end of April-First of May.
- It is the goal of the Surgical Technology program to notify applicants of the Committee’s decision by the end of May.
WILL I NEED TO TAKE ANY COURSES BEFORE STARTING THE PROGRAM?

- Some applicants may need developmental courses for Math or English prior to the program. Students must place into MTH 6 and ENG 11. This can be determined by reviewing your placement testing results with an advisor.
- If you need to establish a 2.5 GPA, please speak to an advisor to determine appropriate coursework.
- Students are encouraged to take required general education courses, such as ENG 111, BIO 141, BIO 142, BIO 150, AND HIM 111 before beginning the program; Taking the general education courses listed will help the student be more successful in the program however, they are not treated as prerequisites.

HOW DO I OBTAIN CERTIFICATION AS A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST?

- You must successfully attend and complete an accredited Surgical Technology program,
- AND pass the National Certifying Examination at the conclusion of the program which is administered by the NBSTA.
  - Application for the Certification examination will be provided in the fall of the Surgical Technology Program.