

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CHECKLIST FOR

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM Fall 2028 Admission

Dear Applicant:

This checklist will enable you to create a personal record of the documents/activities you have completed towards applying to the Surgical Technology Program.

Admission Information and Important Application Dates:

- Deadline to request criteria review is the last Monday in August, 8/30/27
- Program application will open on the 1st Monday in October, 10/4/27
- After 10/4/27, applications will be reviewed and processed as they are received or until the cohort and waitlist have filled.

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program is competitive and seats are limited. After having met with a health program academic advisor to verify completion of all admission requirements, applicants will be provided access to the online application to be considered for admission. Seats fill quickly for program admission and the primary waitlist.

The information below reflects the MINIMUM standards and requirements to be considered for admission.

Academic Advising:

Individuals interested in applying to the Surgical Technology Program are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor to answer questions.

- ☐ **Application for admission** (if you are a new student to NECC or have not been enrolled for the previous three years) **Major choice: General Studies: Health Specialization, Interest in Surgical Technology.**
- ☐ **Official transcript showing evidence of high school graduation, or the equivalent with passing GED/HiSET scores.**
- ☐ Official college transcript(s) if transfer credits are being requested. Grade of C or higher is required each course being requested.
- ☐ Completion of a **mandatory Surgical Technology Information Session** during the Fall 2026 through Summer of 2027. For Information Session dates, go to [The Surgical Technology Program page on the NECC website.](#)
- ☐ Completion of HES 102 Learning Strategies for Success in Health Care, HES 115 Medical Terminology, BIO 121 Anatomy and Physiology I, and BIO 122 Anatomy and Physiology II with grade of "C" or higher for admission to the program.

IMPORTANT FINAL STEP:

- Request for final review of criteria – To be eligible to apply to the Surgical Technology program, all of the above criteria must be complete. To be considered for acceptance to the Surgical Technology for fall 2028, all prospective applicants must email healthprogramadmissions@necc.mass.edu.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**Program Capacity**

The Surgical Technology Program has a limited number of seats.

Wait List Status

The Surgical Technology Program Review Committee establishes a wait list for qualified applicants who are not initially accepted into the program. The wait list is approximately 50% of the program capacity. Applicants are called from the wait list on a space available basis. Applicants who are placed on the wait list, and for whom a seat does not open during the current admission cycle, are given first option on admission for the following year.

If there are significant changes in the admission criteria, students on the wait list may be required to comply with the new criteria. This decision is at the sole discretion of the academic program faculty.

Transfer Credits

Transfer credits from other colleges/universities are awarded only for comparable courses that are completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

Science courses must have been taken not more than five (5) years prior to the date of the anticipated acceptance to be transferred for credit to the Surgical Technology Program.

Transportation

Students must have their own method of transportation to Surgical Technology Program clinical sites.

Health Requirements

Information regarding the College's health requirements will be sent to you upon your acceptance to the program.

Information about the Program's Technical Standards which describe the physical and behavioral characteristic required to successfully complete the program are available the [health forms at our website](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/courses-programs/areas/health/requiredform/), which can be found at <http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/courses-programs/areas/health/requiredform/> and we encourage you to review these as soon as possible.

CPR Certification

All students in the Surgical Technology program are required to hold CPR certification at the Health Care Provider level. Evidence of current certification is required before a student is allowed to participate in clinical education courses, and certification must be maintained throughout the program.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and Sex Offender Record Information (SORI)

Students interested in participation in an academic program that involves working with children, the disabled, or the elderly, or a cooperative education experience or a program that includes a clinical affiliation with a private or public health care provider, may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check, and/or a Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) check. Students will need to provide a government issued photo identification and sign a release form allowing the college to view the student's CORI or SORI reports. Depending on the contents of a student's CORI or SORI reports, participation in an academic program or a cooperative education experience or a clinical or practicum affiliation related thereto, may be denied. CORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Sections 172(C), and consistent with guidelines promulgated by the Executive Office for Health and Human Services, and/or the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health. SORI checks may be performed pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 172(C). CHRI checks may be performed based on the NH Code of Administrative Rules and state statutes to include RSA 106-B:14 and RSA 106-B:7,1(b). For more information, contact Program Coordinator.

Clinical Affiliate Random Drug & Alcohol Screening Analysis Notification to Students

Please be advised that students enrolled in the following Health Professions programs are required to undergo and pass a drug screening analysis in order to be eligible for placement in a clinical facility. Students who are assigned to clinical education experiences at certain clinical facilities will be required to undergo and pass an additional random drug screening analysis in order to remain at that clinical facility. **Students who either fail to pass, or refuse to submit to, or fail to report within the required time frame for a drug screening analysis will be ineligible for clinical placement which in turn will affect their status in the program.** Health Profession programs that require drug screening analysis include: Dental Assisting, Paramedic Technology, Medical Assisting, Associate Degree Nursing, Healthcare Technician, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Sleep Technology, Respiratory Care, Public Health, Community Health Worker, Medical Coding, Medical Billing, Surgical Technology and Medical Office Assistant.

Information about Licensure

At this time state licensure is not required in Massachusetts in order to work as a Student Surgical Technologist.

Affirmative Action

For information on Affirmative Action Policy: <https://www.necc.mass.edu/employment/statement-nondiscrimination/>