

# Surgical Technology

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## POTENTIAL SALARY

The highest-earning surgical techs earn around \$60,780/year\*

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## AVERAGE SALARY

Average surgical techs in SC earns \$46,390/year\*

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## DEGREE REQUIREMENT

This career only requires an associate's degree to get started

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## TIME COMMITMENT

You can become a surgical technologist in five semesters

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## JOB AVAILABILITY

In South Carolina alone, over 2,400 surgical tech jobs exist

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## JOB SECURITY

A strong 9% projected growth rate through 2030\*

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The Career Score attempts to score each career relative to the other careers on this website. Salary info and other data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Salary.com \* Denotes info based on nationwide statistics



## OVERVIEW

If you're ready to become a surgical technologist, you can start with only an associate's degree. After about five semesters of training, you will be on your way to a steady career with **an average salary of \$46,390 in SC**. If you like working on your feet and consider yourself to be detail-oriented, you should consider becoming a surgical technologist!

If you want a career where you help patients get the operations they need, **a career in surgical technology is right for you**. Surgical technologists are healthcare professionals who prepare operating rooms before surgery. They are an absolutely crucial part of the surgical care team, working alongside surgeons, surgeon's assistants, nurses, anesthesiologists, and more.

Surgical technologists are the ones who get the operating room ready before surgery. They set up the instruments and ensure all equipment is working correctly. Surgical techs also gather and prepare any sterile solutions or medications that the team may need. Surgical technologists need to be **organized and focused**, as one mistake could have dire consequences. Luckily, surgical techs typically work in a team, with everyone checking each others' work. With over 2,400 jobs available in South Carolina, this is a fantastic time to start a career in surgical technology.

*Prepare operating rooms and be part of a team as a surgical technologist.*

## EDUCATION

### SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY DEGREE

 **19 CLASSES** (68 CREDIT HOURS)

### SURGICAL TECH DEGREE - GEN TECH SPECIALIZATION

 **20 CLASSES** (71 CREDIT HOURS)