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**ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for inquiring about admission into the **Surgical Technology Program** offered through Delgado Community College, City Park Campus.

The Surgical Technologist is a sterile team member of a surgical healthcare team whose primary focus is anticipating and assisting the surgeon on various surgical procedures with a goal of enabling patients to return to their best possible state of health. They are knowledgeable in aseptic technique, surgical equipment, supplies and devices used in various surgical procedures, and hundreds of surgical instruments.

The Delgado Community College **Surgical Technology Program** was formally established in July 1990. Prior to that time, the school operated under the name of Charity Hospital School of Surgical Technicians.

The **Surgical Technology Program** is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Upon acceptance into the program, the certificate program is a 14 month full time commitment of combined clinical and didactic education. Through a selective admission process, classes are admitted each year **in August and January**. Upon completion of the program, the student will be qualified to sit for the National Certification Examination administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

Enrollment in the program is limited and is governed by the number of clinical positions available in affiliate hospitals. All prospective students must contact the Allied Health Division to initiate the application process. Applicants must **complete the HESCI-2 test** and submit scores with the application packet. **THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MARCH 31ST FOR THE AUGUST CLASS AND OCTOBER 30TH FOR THE JANUARY CLASS.**

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PLEASE NOTE: The Surgical Technology Program is atypical with regard to semester length. Once a student is accepted into the program, classes begin earlier and last longer than what is printed on the class schedule. This is necessary to fulfill program requirements.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Acceptance into this program is based on the applicant's personal and academic qualifications.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must possess the personality and ability to work in close contact with patients, hospital employees, and physicians on a day to day basis. He/she must also possess a sincere desire to consistently provide high quality patient care and possess good physical and mental health which is necessary for students' general well-being in order to meet the physical performance standards. He/she should be able to accept the professional responsibilities that are demanded by the operating room staff and possess clarity of mind necessary for health care duties.

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APPLICANTS MUST BE ABLE TO MEET THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE PROFESSION. These technical standards are found on the Surgical Technology website.

APPLICANTS WITH COLLEGE CREDITS OLDER THAN 10 YEARS SHOULD CONTACT THE ALLIED HEALTH ADMISSIONS OFFICE FOR ADVISING. Delgado has a policy which addresses Academic Renewal. Academic Renewal is the act of declaring void all prior credits attempted and earned. If you are interested in information regarding Academic Renewal and the procedure to initiate this process you must contact the Delgado Admissions Office at (504) 671-5040.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

To meet the academic qualifications for the **Surgical Technology Program** the applicant must:

1. Complete the Surgical Technology Program application.
2. Score on the ACT, SAT or Delgado Community College Placement Test sufficient to place the student at college level courses; (English 101, Math 120 ***higher course levels are recommended*** and no remedial reading) and successfully complete eligibility course requirements.

Eligibility Course Requirements include the following:

BIOL 161 & 163	Intro A & P Lecture and Lab
HESC 111	Medical Terminology
BIOL 211	Micro of Human Pathogens

*****Note - All eligibility coursework must be completed by:**

The end of the Spring semester prior to program entrance in August. Summer courses are not a consideration.

*The end of the Summer semester prior to program entrance in January. Fall courses are not a consideration. ****

3. Possess a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 including all colleges attended. Grade reports from Delgado may not reflect this information.

Research into all aspects of the career of a Surgical Technologist is advised to enhance the applicant's general knowledge of the profession.

4. Complete the HESCI-2 test with a score of 70% or higher

All applicants who meet the educational and personal qualifications will be scheduled for an orientation session. The orientation data collected is an evaluation tool for selection. Those students who do not attend the orientation session or meet the requirements are advised accordingly by letter/email.

SELECTION PROCESS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection to the Surgical Technology Program is based on evaluation of the following criteria for each student:

1. The number of pertinent courses completed (eligibility requirements).
2. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) and most importantly pertinent GPA (GPA in the prerequisite and required related courses which are part of the curriculum). The pertinent GPA is calculated on the basis of all courses taken, including those repeated.
A grade of "D" in any pertinent course is not considered competitive.
3. The number of times a student has applied to program with enhancement. The application can be enhanced with an increase of applicant's GPA in pertinent courses, medical experience, paid or voluntary, documented by the appropriate forms distributed by the Allied Health Admissions Office.
4. Professional references.
5. Typed Narrative
6. Orientation data
7. HESI-2 test scores

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Persons accepted into the Surgical Technology Program will be required to:

1. Pass a physician's physical examination prior to admission, once accepted to the program
2. Initiate the Hepatitis B Vaccine series prior to admission, once accepted to the program
3. Be tested for tuberculosis prior to admission, once accepted to program
4. Submit results of MMR, Varicella and Hepatitis B Titers or current immunization documentation of MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis B vaccines.
5. Be certified in CPR (**BLS for Healthcare Providers**) course prior to admission, once accepted to program
6. Participate and assist the surgeon on various surgical procedures regardless of the patient's injuries or disease.
7. Assist the surgeon on contagious and infectious, and disabled persons.
8. Be congenial, flexible and ambitious, accurate, thorough, be dependable, responsible, reliable, and abide by rules, regulations and schedules.
9. Provide own transportation to clinical sites.
10. Meet the Technical Standards of the Surgical Technology profession which are included in the application packet. The program has a policy which addresses the pregnant student found in the policy and procedure manual.
11. Responsible for own medical insurance coverage
12. Submit to and pass drug test and background check. (Random drug testing may be required while in program).

COSTS:

Surgical Technology students pay the same fee for each term as all other students enrolled in the college. Please refer to the current college handbook/Student Handbook for tuition costs and fees.

Lab Fees may be assessed if applicable for classes scheduled.

Other costs include but not limited to uniforms, computer program, lab coat, and textbooks which are approximately \$600.00 over the duration of the program. Various financial assistance options are available to students. Information on scholarships, loans and grants may be obtained through the college's Office of Financial Aid. For assistance please call (504) 677-5040.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The completed application packet must be submitted to the Allied Health Division on or BEFORE **MARCH 31ST** to be considered for admission to the upcoming August class of the Surgical Technology Program.

The completed application packet must be submitted to the Allied Health Division on or before **OCTOBER 30TH** to be considered for admission the upcoming JANUARY CLASS of the Surgical Technology Program.

The application is complete only when all information requested is received. **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT THEIR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE. PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THE APPLICATION.**

NOTE 1: Notify the Allied Health Admissions Office, Delgado Community College, 615 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, promptly of changes in your address/phone number.

NOTE 2: Please make the necessary arrangements to have all application documents (application, transcripts, letters of reference, etc.) bear **ONE** name and currently dated.

NOTE 3: Admission requirements may change from year to year as modifications occur in the program. Applicants are strongly urged to contact the Allied Health Admissions Office periodically to avoid the risk of not meeting admission requirements in the expected time frame.

Read **all** information **thoroughly** to ensure completion of this application process.

This application is considered complete only when all supplemental information requested has been received by the Allied Health Admissions Office. This includes transcripts from EACH college attended other than Delgado Community College, typed narrative, completed application form, professional references, HESCI test scores.

**SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
CURRICULUM
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

ELIGIBILITY COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

CREDIT HOURS

BIOL 161 and 163	INTRO A & P LECTURE AND LAB	4
HESC 111	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	3
BIOL 211	MICRO OF HUMAN PATHOGENS	3

CURRICULUM:

SURG 101 INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL-LEGAL ASPECTS OF SURGERY	2
SURG 111 SURGICAL INSTRUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES	3
SURG 121 INTRODUCTION TO SURGICAL TECHNIQUES	1
SURG 141 INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL PRACTICUM	2
SURG 201 CLINICAL SPECIALTIES	3
SURG 211 CLINICAL PRACTICUM I	3
SURG 212 CLINICAL PRACTICUM II	4
SURG 213 CLINICAL PRACTICUM III	3
SURG 215 SACK SEMINAR	1