

Surgical Technology Application Questions

What reasons or experiences attracted you to a career in surgical technology rather than to another health profession?

What do you perceive are the primary duties of a surgical technologist?

Name at least two characteristics you have that make you think you will be a successful surgical technologist. Explain why you chose each characteristic and how it applies specifically to surgical technology.

In your opinion, what are some advantages and disadvantages of being a surgical technologist?

If you are accepted into the surgical technology program, what professional goals would you like to achieve in the next five years?

How did you find out about the surgical technology program at LCCC?

The surgical technologist must be able to:

- Stand, bend, stoop, and/or sit for long periods of time in one location with minimal to no breaks.
- Bend, twist, and lift a minimum of 50 pounds.
- Function for longer periods of time without a break.
- Demonstrate sufficient peripheral vision to anticipate and function while in the sterile surgical environment.
- Hear and understand muffled communication without visualization of the communicator's mouth/lips and with significant background noise.
- Hear activation/warning signals on equipment.
- Detect odors sufficient to maintain environmental safety and patient needs.
- Manipulate instruments, supplies, and equipment with speed, dexterity, and exceptional hand-eye coordination.
- Ambulate/move around without assistive devices
- Assist with and/or lift, move, position and manipulate, with or without assistive devices, the patient who is unconscious.
- Communicate and understand fluent English both verbally and in writing.
- Be free of reportable communicable diseases and chemical abuse.
- Function without allergic reaction in an environment substantial latex exposure.
- Demonstrate immunity to rubella, rubeola, tuberculosis, varicella, hepatitis B and other diseases as required by the clinical facilities.
- Possess short and long term memory sufficient to perform tasks such as, but not limited to, mentally tracking surgical supplies and performing anticipation skills intraoperatively.
- Demonstrate the use of positive coping skills.
- Demonstrate calm and effective responses, especially in emergency situations.
- Exhibit positive interpersonal skills in patient, staff and faculty interactions.
- Make appropriate judgment decisions.

If the applicant is unable to perform any of the designated tasks, upon request LCCC will make reasonable accommodations, if these accommodations do not constitute an undue hardship on LCCC and if those accommodations do not interfere with the performance of any essential functions of a surgical technologist's duties