WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY?
Surgical Technologists are integral members of the surgical team. They work closely with surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses and others to deliver patient care before, during and after surgery. Surgical technologists function primarily in the sterile capacity, passing instruments and equipment to the surgeon during the surgical procedure. They are employed in operating rooms, delivery rooms, emergency departments, and ambulatory care areas.

WHAT IS THE EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK?
According to the Kansas Occupational Outlook 2004 - 2014, surgical technology is one of the fastest growing occupations. This trend is consistent with the growth of the health industry.

WHAT CAN I EARN IN THIS FIELD?
Recently, the Kansas Wage Survey reported that Surgical Technologists earned an average hourly wage of over $17. Potential earnings depend on the organization and its location and an individual’s personal qualifications.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE?
The Surgical Technology program is 10 months in length and leads to a Certificate in Surgical Technology. Students participate in supervised clinical experience at various hospital sites in south central Kansas. Program graduates are eligible to take the national certification examination and become Certified Surgical Technologists (CSTs). Most hospitals require certification for employment.

ACCREDITATION
The HCC Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

WHAT MAKES THIS PROGRAM UNIQUE?
The program combines technical and general education classroom courses with practice in a lab environment and clinical operating room experience.

An advisory board of employers meets regularly to provide direction for the program, ensuring that students receive the education needed to prepare for entry into the workforce.

More information on these careers can be found in the Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco) and the Kansas Department of Labor (www.dol.ks.gov).
# Surgical Technology Certificate

**Fall Semester**
- BI 103 *Human Anatomy and Physiology* 6
- EM 131 Cardiac Care 5
- HR 105 Medical Terminology 3
- ST 100 Introduction to Surgical Technology 4
- ST 101 Surgical Procedures I 3
- ST 102 Principles & Practice of Surgical Technology 5
- ST 102L Principles & Practice of Surgical Technology Lab 3
- ST 112 Clinical I 1

**Spring Semester**
- AL 153 Pharmacology 3
- BI 112 General Microbiology 4
- ST 103 Surgical Procedures II 4
- ST 113 Clinical II 5
- ST 114 Clinical III 5

* Prerequisites: College courses in chemistry and biology, or BI 100 Basic Concepts for Allied Health Studies, with a minimum grade of C.

## How Do I Apply?
1. Submit an HCC Application for Admission and high school/GED and college transcripts.
2. Take HCC approved Math and English assessments. If the applicant has completed college level English Composition and Math courses with grades of “C” or higher, the assessments will be waived.
3. Submit an application and questionnaire to the Surgical Technologist Program, 815 N. Walnut, Davis Hall, Hutchinson, KS 67501.
   a. Names and contact information of three references are required.
   b. Submit proof of CNA status and CPR certification at health care provider level.
   c. Applications remain active for one year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 30).
5. Each phase in the admission process is evaluated, with prospective students ranked by the total points received.
6. Students admitted to the program may be required to submit a complete background check. Students are responsible for the cost of the background check.
7. A comprehensive physical examination is required for all Surgical Technology students and must be completed by August 1 of the academic year entering.
8. For further information, contact the Allied Health Advisor (620-728-8100 or 800-289-3501 ext. 8100) or visit www.hutchcc.edu/surgtech.
9. To apply for federal grants or loans, complete the application at www.fafsa.gov. Call the financial aid office at 620-665-3568 or 800-289-3501 ext. 3568 with any questions.