

Surgical Technology Fact Sheet

Application process begins on January 1st annually

- Apply to Laurel Ridge by completing the college application online at <https://apply.vccs.edu>
- Review the AAS degree in surgical technology curriculum and required prerequisites
- Meet with an advisor
- Placement testing should be completed prior to applying
- Sign up to take the TEAS V for allied health required testing- 45% is required to be eligible.
- Applications are due by April 1st annually and may be submitted online
- Send or attach Laurel Ridge unofficial transcripts to the application
- Send all official transcripts other colleges or universities attended
- Applications will NOT be considered without accompanying transcripts by April 1st
- Curricular GPA of 2.5 or higher is required and based on the specified prerequisite courses (SDV 101, BIO 140, ENG 111, HIM 111, SUR 100)

Questions:

- Is the program competitive?
Priority is given to applicants who:
 - a. Have a GPA of 2.5 and above
 - b. Resides in the Laurel Ridge service area
 - c. Earned the highest TEAS score
- Who makes admission decisions?
A selection committee consisting of faculty and staff
- When are decisions made and results sent to applicants?
The goal of the program is to notify all applicants by the end of May
- Will I need to take any courses before starting or applying to the program?
 - a. Applicants may need to developmental courses for Math and/or English. Students must show competency in MTE 1-5 and readiness for ENG 111. All developmental course work must be completed prior to application submission.

- b. All prerequisite courses must be taken by the end of the Spring Semester
 - ✓ SDV 100 College Success Skills
 - ✓ SUR 100 Introduction to Surgical Technology
 - ✓ ENG 111 College Composition
 - ✓ BIO 141 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
 - ✓ HIM 111 Medical Terminology I
 - ✓ CPR- speak with an advisor
- How do I obtain Certification as a Surgical Technologist?
 - a. Virginia requires all Surgical Technologist to be certified by the NBSTSA to work as a CST in Virginia
 - b. Students must successfully attend and complete an accredited surgical technology program. The program at Laurel Ridge is accredited by CAAHEP.
 - c. Upon program completion students will sit for the NBSTSA National Certification examination. Students are responsible for all fees associated with the NBSTSA CST examination.
- Are vaccines such as flu and COVID required if admitted to the program?

Students attend clinical education at several area hospitals. ALL hospitals require proof of annual flu shots and COVID vaccine(s) and/or boosters. Proof of vaccines will be required annually.