



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

October 21, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Sharon E. Morrissey
Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: State Board Action on October 21, 2011
Curriculum Standard Revision

On October 21, 2011, the State Board of Community Colleges approved the requested revisions to the following curriculum standard:

Surgical Technology (A45740)

Please be aware that you must implement the revised standard no later than one year after the effective term. You must update your college's electronic program of study and receive approval from the System Office prior to implementation of the revised program.

If you have any questions concerning the State Board action item, please contact Ms. Jennifer Frazelle at 919.807.7120 or frazellej@nccommunitycolleges.edu. The revised standard is attached for your convenience. You may view all curriculum standards and courses by visiting the Programs website at:

<http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Programs/index.html>

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Attachment

c: Mr. Van Wilson
Ms. Elizabeth Self
Ms. Jennifer Frazelle
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CC11-027
Email

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Spring 2012
[2012*01]

Curriculum Program Title

Surgical Technology

Code

A45740

Concentration

(not applicable)

Curriculum Description

The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the care of the surgical patient in the operating room and to function as a member of the surgical team.

Students will apply theoretical knowledge to the care of patients undergoing surgery and develop skills necessary to prepare supplies, equipment, and instruments; maintain aseptic conditions; prepare patients for surgery; and assist surgeons during operations.

Employment opportunities include labor/delivery/emergency departments, inpatient/outpatient surgery centers, dialysis units/facilities, physicians' offices, and central supply processing units.

Students of Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited programs are required to take the national certification exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) within a four week period prior to or after graduation.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** *(if applicable)*. A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE <i>Courses required for the diploma are designated with *</i> Required Courses: * SUR 110 Introduction to Surgical Technology 3 SHC * SUR 111 Perioperative Patient Care 7 SHC * SUR 122 Surgical Procedures I 6 SHC * SUR 123 SUR Clinical Practice I 7 SHC * SUR 134 Surgical Procedures II 5 SHC * SUR 135 SUR Clinical Practice II 4 SHC * SUR 137 Professional Success Preparation 1 SHC SUR 210 Advanced SUR Clinical Practice 2 SHC SUR 211 Advanced Theoretical Concepts 2 SHC Required Subject Areas: None	37 SHC	33 SHC	
B. CONCENTRATION <i>(Not applicable)</i>			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i> BIO, BUS, CIS, COE, CSC, ECO, ENG, HSC, MED, PSY, SOC, STP, and SUR <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i>			