

MVCC Surgical Technology Degree

Admission to the Surgical Technology Degree Program

Admission to the Health Professions at MVCC is a competitive, time-sensitive, and sequential process. The following are the requirements to apply for our programs. Applicants are also encouraged to carefully review the *MVCC HLTTP Essential Functions* document.

PREREQUISITES (Please see chart for ALL Health Care Programs)

All applicants must meet or be working towards the completion of the following prerequisites at the time of application:

High school diploma or its equivalent **AND the most recent of the following:**

HLTTP PROGRAM	Minimum History			Math Score				**Chemistry w/Lab			**Biology w/Lab		*** TEAS Score
	TASC Score	High School Average	College GPA*	SAT	ACT	MVCC Placement	College Math	High School	CH 111/112	CH 131	High School	College	
HIT	≥ 2500	75	2.0	530	19	51	≥ C	RECOMMENDED			RECOMMENDED		N/A
Nursing	≥ 3500	85	2.8	530	19	51	≥ C	≥ 75	≥ C	≥ C	RECOMMENDED		58.7
Radiology	≥ 3500	85	2.8	530	19	51	≥ C	≥ 75	≥ C	≥ C	≥ 70	≥ C	N/A
Respiratory	≥ 3100	80	2.5	530	19	51	≥ C	≥ 70	≥ C	≥ C	RECOMMENDED		N/A
Surgical Technology	≥ 2500	75	2.0	530	19	51	≥ C	RECOMMENDED			RECOMMENDED		N/A

*You must have at least 12 college credits to utilize a College GPA. Consideration will be given for college level classes taken in High School.

**If you have a completed degree, or have successfully completed an approved college-level Anatomy and Physiology sequence within the last seven (7) years at MVCC or another college, you may be exempt from the Biology/Chemistry requirement.

^aHigh School Chemistry with a final grade and/or Regents exam score of a 75 or higher required for Nursing and Radiology.

^bHigh School Chemistry with a final grade and/or Regents exam score of a 70 or higher required for Respiratory.

*** The ATI TEAS V must be taken within two (2) years of the application date and can only be taken twice within the two (2) year period with a minimum adjusted individualized total score of at least 58.7 to be accepted into the Nursing Program.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Pre-requisite courses (math, chemistry and/or biology) must be completed within seven years of applying to a program for consideration. See the chart above for grade requirements.
- HLTTP courses are sequential and begin in the fall semester. Students must complete the application process and have all relevant admission documents submitted and testing completed by **March 1st**. Applications received after March 1 may be considered on a space-available basis.
- Applicants may have no more than one repeat (F, D or W) in any of the above prerequisite college courses within seven years of applying to the program. Courses include biology and/or chemistry courses taken at the college level.
- Applicants who have received *more than one* "D", "F", or "W" for any of the below courses at MVCC or at any other college within seven years of application are ineligible to apply to the program. If the unsuccessful grades were received beyond seven years ago, you may submit an appeal request in writing to the Health Professions Department in order to be considered for the program.
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology 1
 - Human Anatomy & Physiology 2
 - Microbiology
 - Any core program course
- Students with a single failure in any of the above courses will be placed on deferment for a period not to exceed one year, and are required to submit a *Request for Continuance* prior to **March 1st** to resume core program courses.

If you require any specific accommodations throughout this process please contact the Office of Accessibility Resources at: 315-792-5644 or email tmariotti@mvcc.edu

ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO OFFICIALLY APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM:

STUDENTS NEW TO MVCC:

Step 1: All New MVCC students need to submit a completed MVCC college admission application (www.mvcc.edu/apply) to the college's Admission Office by **March 1**, including all official college and/or high school transcripts. OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES: Request a professional education credential evaluation report from an evaluation service [such as World Education Services (www.wes.org)]. Please request that an official copy of the report be sent to: Mohawk Valley Community College, Office of Admissions, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501. Applications received AFTER March 1st will be reviewed on a space available basis.

Once a complete application, including transcript, is received by the college, the application will be reviewed by the Admissions office and students will be notified in a timely manner of their next steps.

Step 2: If it is determined a student meets the initial eligibility requirements to be considered for the Surgical Technology Degree program, the School of Health Sciences will send the Surgical Technology Application to the applicant who must complete and submit the application directly to the School of Health Sciences no later than March 1st in order for the application to be reviewed. Applications received after March 1st will be considered on a space available basis.

If after review of the college application determines a student is not eligible to be considered for acceptance in to the Surgical Technology program, the student will remain in our Health Science major. A Student Support Advisor will communicate with the student to discuss next steps toward enrollment at the college and discuss a pathway toward future consideration for Surgical Technology. .

*** It is recommended that students complete the MVCC Placement Test and receive an eligible score on the math portion that will allow the student to enroll in MA110. Students may be exempt from taking certain portions of the placement test based on the college's "Placement Testing Exemption Policy" which can be found at: www.mvcc.edu/placement-testing-exemption-policy*

CURRENT MVCC STUDENTS:

Step 1: Contact Justin Rahn 315-731-5810 Student Support Advisor for Health Science to schedule an appointment with an to review the Surgical Technology Degree Program application process

Step 2: If all required prerequisites are completed, the applicant will be directed to the Dean of Health Sciences Melissa Cooperwheat for the secondary application. The application should be filled in and submitted by March 1st to the Office of the Dean Melissa Cooperwheat in Plumley Complex RM. 349A, or by email hltsapps@mvcc.edu.

ALL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CANDIDATES WHO MEET INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLETED SECONDARY APPLICATION

Step 3: Qualified applicants who meet all qualifications will then be contacted for a meeting to complete the admission process by the Surgical Technology Program Coordinator.

READMISSION APPLICANTS

Readmission only includes applicants who had a break in sequence **longer than one year due to medical or military leave.**

- Readmission into the program and/or Course(s) requires approval of the Associate Dean, and is on a space-available basis.
- Science credits earned over seven years prior to application without a completed degree will not satisfy course requirements.
- All core-program courses completed more than one year prior to application will not be transferrable into the program during readmission.

Notify the Dean in writing requesting readmission indicating course and semester for which readmission is sought.

- Send letters to: Melissa Copperwheat, Payne Hall 349, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

If a student has legal charges pending or has been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor, certification may be delayed or denied by the national certifying agency. Students may be subject to criminal background checks and/or blood screening tests at their own cost. Students unable to meet these standards may be prohibited from practicing in the field.

After acceptance into the Surgical Technology Degree Program, you will be required to sign the following "Surgical Technology Degree Program Acknowledgement Form". Please review the information that will be on that form below.

Surgical Technology Degree Program Acknowledgement Form

Clinical:

Surgical Technology Degree students are required to participate in Clinical Practice in the Fall and Spring semesters as part of their program. Clinical Practice allows students to gain inside knowledge and professional experience in preparation for entering the Surgical Technology field.

Students will have 45 weeks of over 700 hours of uncompensated Clinical Practice. This will involve 2 days a week for the Fall/Spring semester and 3 days a week for the second Spring semester. There are no weekend or evening hours allowed at clinical sites. **Substantial travel outside the Utica/Rome area will be a requirement to complete the clinical experience.** In addition to the above mentioned, students may be required to complete a background check including fingerprinting.

CPR and Medical Requirements:

- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification
- Completed Health Physical form with vaccination documentation including MMR Titer, Mantoux (TB Test), and lab results dated within three months of the Clinical Practice start date
- A flu shot will be required during flu season (September – March)

Disclaimers: Please be sure you understand the following:

*I am aware that students unable to complete Surgical Technology degree coursework at MVCC may face barriers to completion, credentialing or employment; therefore, it is highly recommended for these students to meet with the Dean of the School of Health Sciences to discuss implications.

*If a student relocates to a state in which the institution does not have approval to operate prior to program completion it may adversely impact the student's ability to complete the program or gain in-field employment.