**PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTC45870

The Surgical First Assistant curriculum is designed to prepare qualified Surgical Technologists and other surgical professionals with the educational preparation necessary to assume the role of the Surgical First Assistant during operative and other invasive procedures.

Students will learn to apply didactic knowledge to the care of the surgical patient and provide assistance in exposure, hemostasis, and other technical functions that will assist the surgeon in performing a safe operation with optimal results for the patient.

Graduates of an accredited Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP) program may be eligible to test with one of the following organizations: National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA), National Surgical Assistant Association (NSAA) and the American Board of Surgical Assisting (ABSA). Employment opportunities include hospitals, clinics, educational institutions, and self-employment.

##### Awards

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| **Associate Degree:** N/A | **Length of Program:**  **Prerequisite:** |
| **Diploma:** N/A | **Length of Program:**  **Prerequisite:** |
| **Certificate:** Surgical First Assistant Certificate (C45870) | Length of Program: 3 Semester **Prerequisite:** Associate Degree; National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) certified in Surgical Technology; 3 years’ experience as a CST |

**Work-Based Learning Requirements/Opportunities:** For Work-Based Learning education requirements/opportunities please see the appropriate Program Sequencing sheet.

**Programmatic Accreditation:** Accredited by:

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| Accreditation Review Council on Education in  Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)  19751 East Main Street  Suite 339  Parker, CO 80138  (303) 694-9262  [ARCSTSA Website](http://www.arcstsa.org/) | Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health  Education Programs (CAAHEP)  9355 113th St. N, #7709  Seminole, FL 33775  (727) 210-2350  Fax (727) 210-2354  [CAAHEP Website](http://www.caahep.org/) |

**Program Information Contact:**

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**Application Deadlines:** The program is designed for a student to enter during the summer semester.

**Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services:** Scholarships/Title IV Financial Aid/Veteran's assistance may be available for associate degrees. Certificates and diplomas that fall under this program/area of study **may or may not be eligible** for Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, Student Center, Room 2; Telephone (910) 678-8242. Veterans Services, General Classroom Building, Room 202, (910) 678-8580.

**Child Care Financial Assistance Information:**

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