

## Awards

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 Semesters  
Prerequisite: Associate Degree; National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) certified in Surgical Technology; 3 years experience as a CST

## Program Information Contact

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## Other Important Information

**Programmatic Accreditation:** Accredited by: **Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)**, 19751 East Main Street, Suite 339, Parker, CO 80138, Telephone (303) 694-9262, www.arcsta.org.

**Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)**, 9355 113<sup>th</sup> Street N, #7709, Seminole, FL 33775, Telephone (727) 210-2350, www.caahep.org.

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

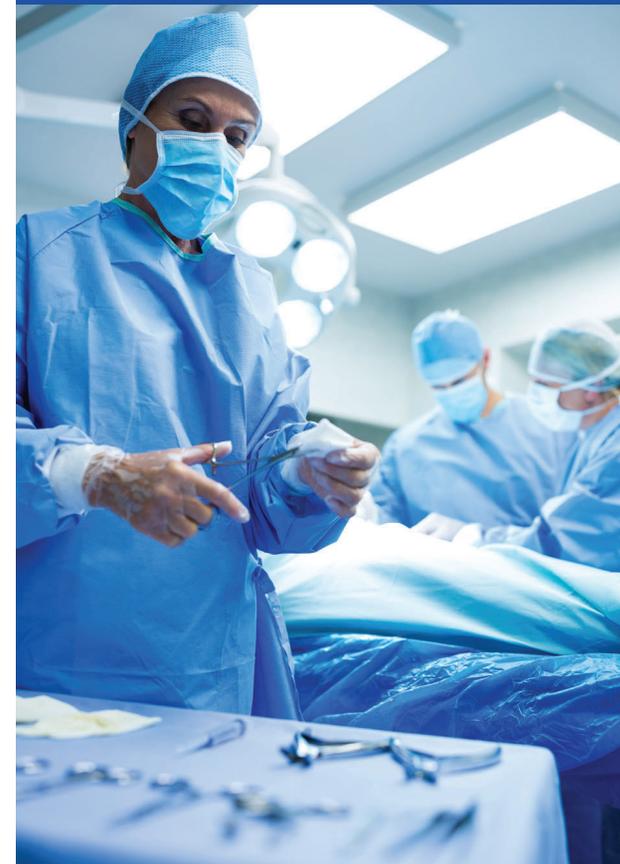
**Allied Health Technologies NC SARA Statement:** The Surgical First Assisting Program is designed to meet the educational requirements for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) in North Carolina. For more information, please visit our program webpage at <https://www.faytechcc.edu/academics/health-programs/surgical-first-assistant/>.



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# SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT



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## PROGRAM FACT SHEET SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE (C45870)



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.



## FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE (C45870)

Effective: Fall 2025

Revised: 03/18/25

Length: 3 Semesters

**Prerequisite:** Associate Degree; National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) certified in Surgical Technology; 3 years experience as a CST

**Award:** Certificate

*It is highly recommended that you seek guidance from the appropriate credentialing agency in your home state before beginning the academic program located outside your state.*

### **SEMESTER 1**

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
SFA	200	SFA Anatomy and Pathophysiology	3	2	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

### **SEMESTER 2**

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
SFA	201	Fundamentals of SFA	3	0	0	3
SFA	203	Advanced Surgical Pharmacology	3	0	0	3
WBL	111	Work-Based Learning I (Clinical Preceptorship I)	0	0	10	1
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>

### **SEMESTER 3**

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
SFA	202	Surgical Patient Management	3	0	0	3
SFA	204	SFA Techniques	3	0	0	3
WBL	121	Work-Based Learning II (Clinical Preceptorship II)	0	0	10	1
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>

**TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS...18**



**Program offered online with Work-based Learning (WBL)**

**Work-Based Learning Option:** Students are required to take two (2) credit hours of work-based learning, WBL-111 Work-Based Learning I (Clinical Preceptorship I) and WBL-121 Work-Based Learning II (Clinical Preceptorship II)

Students with a felony conviction may have limited certification and employment opportunities.

Refer to the FTCC website for the most current information. Go to [www.faytechcc.edu](http://www.faytechcc.edu) and click on College Catalog.