

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

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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 113th
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 de-
signed 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/](https://www.faytechcc.edu/academics/health-programs/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
TOTALS			3	2	0	4

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
TOTALS			9	0	10	7

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
TOTALS			6	0	10	7

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 and click on College Catalog.