

## THE SCHOOL OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AT DHMC

Since its inception, the School of Surgical Technology at DHMC has ranked consistently within the top of AST/PAE national rankings and, in 2004, achieved ranking as the number one ranked school. The school has full CAAHEP accreditation. Our goal is to train interested individuals to be key members of the operating team.

A Surgical Technologist (ST) is a highly-skilled individual who works with surgeons, registered nurses, and other health care professionals to deliver a high standard of care in the operating room setting. In less than a year, students will have developed the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to assist members of the entire intraoperative team to achieve an optimum outcome for patients.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

The School of Surgical Technology application process begins the first Monday in August. For an application, fees schedule, student handbook, or additional information, please contact:

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## THE PROGRAM

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The 11-month course of study begins each Spring. The curriculum combines didactics, laboratory practice, and clinical learning experiences. It is facilitated by an experienced registered nurse, certified in operating room nursing.

DHMC's Operating Room is an academic center of education for Dartmouth medical students and perioperative nursing and has a strong relationship with the Tuck School of Engineering. Learning takes place in 26 cutting-edge operating rooms, as well as the newly constructed Outpatient Surgery Center at DHMC. Four suites offer robotic interaction. All provide digitalized radiography and computerized clinical information systems. Students participate in many types of surgical interventions crossing many age spans including: abdominal, thoracic, orthopaedic, neurological, vascular, plastic and reconstructive surgery; eye, ear, nose and throat surgery; and urologic and gynecologic procedures.

Upon successful completion, students receive a Diploma of Program Completion and will be well-trained to work in operating rooms in acute care facilities, physician offices, central sterile departments, and ambulatory or freestanding surgical centers. Prior to graduation students sit for the AST National Certification Exam.

## REQUIREMENTS

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- Minimum of graduation from high school or a GED.
- Submission of a nonrefundable application fee (\$25) with a completed application; certified transcripts; three references; completion of dexterity, Math, and English standardized tests and initial medical terminology examination.
- Completion of a medical terminology course and college-level Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab courses before enrollment in the program. Qualified applicants, lacking only the prerequisites of A&P I and II, may pursue early acceptance status. A student position would be held for one year contingent on successful completion of A&P I and II.
- Costs associated with the program include tuition, textbooks, association membership, and other classroom supplies. Costs total approximately \$7,200. Information regarding financial aid can be obtained through local community action programs, job training programs, and Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC).
- Individuals interested in furthering their knowledge of the role and responsibilities of a Surgical Technologist prior to application may seek OR employment opportunities through the DHMC Human Resources Department.