# Surgical Technician
## U.S. State and Territory Professional Licensure Information

| Professional Licensure Programs |
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A professional license is typically regulated by state laws and is required for graduates of these programs to practice, to use the professional designation in their title, and/or to gain employment in certain occupations.

The Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program is designed to prepare students for a career as a Surgical Technician.

| State Licensure/Registration |
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Educational requirements for Surgical Technician licensure/registration can include specifications for the applicant's type of academic credential, type of educational institution where the academic program was completed, and curriculum content within the academic program.

Requirements for Surgical Technician licensure/registration vary by state. Some states do not require individuals to hold a state-issued license/registration in order to be employed as a Surgical Technician. In states that do require licensure/registration, graduates who apply for a license/registration may need to satisfy other requirements beyond program completion, such as holding an active national certification, passing an examination, completing an application, or submitting to a background check.

The information provided below does not guarantee that any particular state licensure entity will approve or deny an individual application for certification or professional licensure; individual determinations are made by the state licensing boards upon review of all application materials.

Requirements for licensure/registration are subject to change at any time. Anyone who is interested in seeking licensure/registration as a Surgical Technician is encouraged to visit the state and U.S. territory websites listed in the chart below to review the current requirements to obtain licensure/registration. *Note: If links are not provided, a website for the regulatory agency in that location is currently unavailable.*

| State/Territory | State-Issued License/Registration Required for Employment | Degree Program Meets State/Territory Educational Requirements for Licensure/ Registration | Degree Program Meets State/Territory Educational Requirements for Employment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | No | N/A | N/A |
| Alaska | No | N/A | N/A |
| American Samoa | No | N/A | N/A |
| Arizona | No | N/A | N/A |
| Arkansas [Arkansas State Medical Board] | Yes | Does not meet | Does not meet |
| California | No | N/A | N/A |

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| Colorado<br>Colorado Office of Surgical Assistant and Surgical Technologist Registration | Yes | N/A; Registration does not include specific education requirements | Meets |
| Connecticut | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Delaware | No | N/A | N/A |
| District of Columbia | No | N/A | N/A |
| Federated States of Micronesia | Undetermined | Unknown | Unknown |
| Florida | No | N/A | N/A |
| Georgia | No | N/A | N/A |
| Guam | No | N/A | N/A |
| Hawaii | No | N/A | N/A |
| Idaho | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Illinois<br>Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation | No | N/A | Meets |
| Indiana | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Iowa | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Kansas | No | N/A | N/A |
| Kentucky | No | N/A | N/A |
| Louisiana | No | N/A | N/A |
| Maine | No | N/A | N/A |
| Maryland | No | N/A | N/A |
| Massachusetts | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Michigan | No | N/A | N/A |
| Minnesota | No | N/A | N/A |
| Mississippi | No | N/A | N/A |
| Missouri | No | N/A | N/A |
| Montana | No | N/A | N/A |
| Nebraska | No | N/A | N/A |
| Nevada | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| New Hampshire | No | N/A | N/A |
| New Jersey | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| New Mexico | No | N/A | N/A |
| New York | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| North Carolina | No | N/A | N/A |

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| Colorado<br>Colorado Office of Surgical Assistant and Surgical Technologist Registration | Yes | N/A; Registration does not include specific education requirements | Meets |
| North Dakota<br>North Dakota Board of Nursing | Yes | Does not meet | Does not meet |
| Northern Mariana Islands | Undetermined | Unknown | Unknown |
| Ohio | No | N/A | N/A |
| Oklahoma | No | N/A | N/A |
| Oregon<br>Oregon Health Authority | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Pennsylvania | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Puerto Rico | Undetermined | Unknown | Unknown |
| Republic of Palau | Undetermined | Unknown | Unknown |
| Republic of the Marshall Islands | Undetermined | Unknown | Unknown |
| Rhode Island | No | N/A | N/A |
| South Carolina | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| South Dakota | No | N/A | N/A |
| Tennessee | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| Texas | No | N/A | Does not meet |
| U.S. Virgin Islands | No | N/A | N/A |
| Utah | No | N/A | N/A |
| Vermont | No | N/A | N/A |
| Virginia<br>Board of Medicine | Yes | Does not meet | Does not meet |
| Washington<br>Washington Department of Health | Yes | N/A; Registration does not include specific education requirements | Meets |
| West Virginia | No | N/A | N/A |
| Wisconsin | No | N/A | N/A |
| Wyoming | No | N/A | N/A |