

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Surgical Technologist

Standard Occupational Code 29-2055.00

What They Do

Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Realistic – involves work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

Social – involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people.

Conventional – involves following set procedures and routines.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

Support – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Relationships – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Achievement – results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Comprehension
- Near Vision
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Recognition
- Arm-Hand Steadiness

Skills You Need

- Monitoring
- Active Listening
- Operation Monitoring
- Coordination
- Critical Thinking
- Speaking
- Time Management
- Active Learning

Education & Training

Surgical technologists need **an associate's degree in surgical technology or related program.**

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
470	530	60	13%	10	\$38,280

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.gov/mic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

www.myskillsmyfuture.org

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	4
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	2
Listening for Understanding	3

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of surgical technologists are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Offices of Dentists
- Employment Services
- Outpatient Care Centers

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