

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 - Enjoy work activities that involve practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

Social – Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping, and curing people. They are good with words.

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, allow use of strongest abilities and provide 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

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
450	555	105	23.3%	15	\$37,600

Additional References

South Dakota Career InSite

www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

online.onetcenter.org

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Reading for Information	4
Locating Information	4

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

Visit www.sdjobs.org/lmic/occprofiles to obtain the most recent workforce data and trends. Also available are explanations of the terms used for work interests, work values, abilities, and skills sections of occupational profiles.

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