



## SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT

### • College Certificate

#### About The Program

The first assistant works under the direction and supervision of the surgeon and in accordance with hospital policy and appropriate laws and regulations. The first assistant provides aid in exposure, homeostasis, and other technical functions that help the surgeon carry out a safe operation with optimal results for the patient. A first assistant must be knowledgeable in the use of surgical instruments on tissues versus the handling of instruments.

#### Career Potential

- Surgical First Assistant

#### Admission Requirements

Each of the following requirements for admissions must be met prior to acceptance into the program:

- Certified surgical technologist (CST), or certified nurse-operating room (CNOR), or physician assistant – current certified (PA-C).
- Proof of liability insurance covering health care activities
- Current CPR/BLS certification
- Proof of immunization against Hepatitis B or waiver
- Proof of proficiency in Anatomy and Physiology
- Proof of computer literacy
- Three letters of recommendation: two professional and one personal
- Interview with the Program Director

#### Based upon Michigan Law

Students applying for admission to the Surgical First Assistant Program will be subject to a criminal background check, the results of which could preclude an applicant from admission to Wayne County Community College District's Surgical Technology Program on the basis of any of the following:

- A felony conviction, or conviction for an attempt or conspiracy to commit a felony within the past 15 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery or criminal sexual conduct within the past 10 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult.

### College Certificate Requirements

#### SEMESTER I

BIO 252	Pathophysiology	3
SFA 200	Fundamentals for Surgical First Assisting	3
SFA 210	Advanced Surgical Pharmacology	4
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>10</b>

#### SEMESTER II

BIO 253	Surgical Anatomy	4
SFA 220	Surgical Management of Patients	3
SFA 230	Surgical First Assistant Techniques	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>10</b>

#### SEMESTER III

SFA 235	Clinical Preceptorship	8
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>8</b>

#### CERTIFICATE TOTAL CREDITS

**28**

\* Certificate totals may not include prerequisite work.

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