CREDIT HOURS: 8.00

CONTACT HOURS: 360.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course is a clinical practice of basic surgical skills for surgical first assistant students. A student enrolled in the course is assigned to a qualified preceptor – a surgeon who provides direct supervision and guidance during each rotation. Each student in the course is required to complete a specified number of cases - 115 to 135 cases (approximately 300 hours) with 100 percent skill competency.

PREREQUISITES: BIO 252, SFA 200, SFA 210, SFA 220, SFA 230, SFA 253

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon completion of this course, the student will be familiar with:
- General Surgery: minimum of 15 major open cases and 25 minor cases
- Orthopedic Surgery: minimum 10 major cases and 15 minor cases
- Peripheral Vascular Surgery: minimum of 15 cases
- Endoscopic Procedures: minimum of 15 major cases and 15 minor cases
- Two Electives Surgery: minimum of 30 cases from two areas:
  - Pediatric surgery
  - Neurosurgery
  - Hand surgery
  - Plastic surgery
  - Obstetric & Gynecologic surgery
  - Thoracic surgery
  - Genitourinary surgery
  - Trauma surgery
  - Transplant surgery
  - Ear, Nose, and Throat surgery
  - Ophthalmic surgery
  - Cardiovascular surgery
  - Oral surgery
  - Procurement surgery
  - Others by permission
- Each student will maintain a log of clinical experience.
- Facilitate development of student’s confidence and proficiency in the performance of First Surgical Assistant’s skills.
- Provide clinical experience that reflects the current Surgical First Assistant’s role in various operating rooms.
- To stress the highest standards of professional attitude and conduct.
- To promote self-satisfaction when performing outstanding.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E