

**BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY**

Thanks for your interest in the BRCC Surgical Technology program!

This packet will assist you in understanding the prerequisites for entry into the Surgical Technology program and provide basic information you will need while completing your curriculum plan. General information regarding the program will also be provided in our program presentation. You may also seek advisement as needed from one of the individuals below:

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Accreditation and Program Goal

The BRCC Associate of Science in Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (<https://arcstsa.org/>).

Program Mission:

- *Education & Skill Development*
 - *Clinical Competence*
 - *Patient Safety*
 - *Professionalism*
 - *Community Focus*

Application Information

When to Apply:

The Surgical Technology program accepts applications once per year during the fall semester. You can apply for either **the Traditional Track program** (18 months) or **Fast Track program** (12 months).

The specific timeline and instructions for submission will be posted on the BRCC Surgical Technology webpage

When the Program Starts:

Students accepted into the Surgical Technology Fundamental Lecture/Lab will begin in the spring semester (January).

Fast Track students attend full time for three consecutive semesters: Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Traditional Track students attend full time for four consecutive semesters: Spring, Summer, Fall, and the following Spring.

Deadline for Coursework:

All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester in which the application is submitted. Students with prerequisites in progress at the time of application may apply but will only be considered for admission if final fall grades meet requirements.

Application Eligibility & Selection Process

Completing all prerequisite courses does not guarantee admission to either Surgical Technology Program. Admission is highly competitive and based on the following factors:

- GPA 3.0 or higher in the 30-hour prerequisite block
- ATI TEAS entrance exam score of 65%
- Achieve a grade of 70% or better in the Surgical Technology Fundamentals course
- Achieve a grade of 80% or better in the Surgical Technology Fundamentals Lab
- Have the ability to fully comply with the Surgical Technology Program Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression which include Mobility, Sensory, Health, Cognitive, Psychomotor, and Affective Behavior Skills

In addition, the number of students admitted each year is determined by the availability of clinical sites. The program includes a two-semester clinical practicum at local hospitals and facilities.

Academic Advising

Students are encouraged to seek academic advising early to develop a plan for completing prerequisites.

To request advising:

- Email Ms. Burbank at Burbankc@mybrcc.edu
- Include your:
 - Full name
 - BRCC student ID number
 - Phone number
 - Explanation of your request
- Attach an unofficial transcript (PDF) of courses taken at other institutions.
 - Do not send screenshots or photos
 - You may request your school to send an eScript to Burbankc@mybrcc.edu

Note: This advising process is for planning purposes only. To receive transfer credit, you must still submit an official transcript to the BRCC Registrar's Office.

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology Program
Baton Rouge Community College

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program is **competitive**. Meeting the minimum requirements does **not guarantee admission**.

1. Minimum Academic Requirements

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- Have a **minimum GPA of 3.0** in the 30 hours of prerequisite coursework (may differ from overall GPA).
- Earn a **grade of “C” or higher** in each required course listed below:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
MATH 1213	College Algebra	3
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	3
HLSC 1012	Introduction to Health Professionals	2
BIOL 2213/2211	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2223/2221	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 2103/2101	General Microbiology & Lab	4
HLSC 1103	Medical Terminology	3
SURT 1023	Surgical Technology Fundamentals	3
SURT 1021	Skills Lab 1 Surgical Technology	1
General Education and Prerequisite Credit Hours		30

Note: BIOL 2213/2211 and 2223/2221 require either BIOL 1033 (Biology I for Science Majors) with a “C” or better, or an ACT composite or super-score of 22+ and eligibility for College Algebra.

2. Entrance Exam Requirement

- A minimum score of **65% on the ATI TEAS** (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is **required**.
- The exam may be taken once during the application period, either at the BRCC Testing Center or remotely via proctor.

Prepare early—official TEAS prep materials and BRCC study sessions are strongly recommended. The TEAS score accounts for 30% of the applicant’s admission score.

3. Admission Scoring Formula

Applicants are ranked based on a composite admission score calculated to three decimal places:

Component	Weight
GPA in Prerequisites	60%
ATI TEAS Score	30%
SURT 1023	10%

The highest-ranking applicants will be offered admission based on available seats.

4. Post-Acceptance Requirements

If selected for admission, students must complete the following at their own expense through approved vendors:

- Criminal background check, healthcare exclusion list check, and fingerprinting
- 10-panel drug screen
- Physical examination with immunization/titer verification
- American Heart Association CPR certification
- Uniforms
 - Red Top with BRCC Surgical Technology logo
 - Black bottoms (No joggers)
 - **ALL** White leather shoes
 - **ALL** black bouffant with the BRCC logo on the side (NO Surgeon's Cap)
- Black scrub Jacket with BRCC Surgical Technology logo
- Platinum Planner app
- Required textbooks

5. Financial Aid Considerations

- The Surgical Technology program qualifies as full-time for TOPS and federal financial aid.
- To receive the maximum aid, students should be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester. I will write exception letters for students who are below the minimum 12 hours.

ATI TEAS Exam

Assessment Technologies Institute – Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

All applicants to the BRCC Surgical Technology Program are required to take the ATI TEAS entrance exam during the fall application period. The TEAS exam accounts for 30% of the total admission score.

Exam Details

- The TEAS exam may be taken once outside of the application period and/or once more during the application period.
 - The most recent exam to date will be used for your application.
- Applicants may choose to test:
 - In person at the BRCC Testing Center (Magnolia Building)
 - Remotely via online proctor from home
- Testing dates and times will be published on the Surgical Technology Information Page.

Study Resources

It is strongly recommended that all applicants thoroughly prepare for the TEAS exam. BRCC encourages students to use the following resources:

1. Official ATI Prep Materials

Available at: www.atitesting.com/teas

- ATI TEAS Study Manual
- Online Practice Assessments
- Check the site for discounted pricing and bundle offers.

2. BRCC TEAS Study & Tutoring Sessions

The BRCC Nursing & Allied Health Division periodically offers free TEAS preparation sessions, including:

- Tutoring support
- Group study opportunities
- Test-taking strategies

Session dates will be posted on the Surgical Technology Program infor. Students are encouraged to monitor this page regularly.

Why Preparation Matters

Applicants who use ATI's official materials and attend BRCC study sessions consistently perform better on the TEAS. Early and structured preparation can significantly improve your competitiveness in the admissions process.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM COSTS

(Fast Track)

***ALL PREREQUISITE NEED TO BE COMPLETED**

Pre-Admission	COLLEGE ADMISSION APPLICATION DECLARE YOUR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR!!	No Fee
	COST OF PREREQUISITE COURSES NOT INCLUDED	

Background Screening Service	Nationwide Background Check, Drug Screen & Document Portal	\$80.00
	PHYSICAL EXAM, IMMUNIZATIONS & TITERS –Some vaccinations may be required.	Prices dependent on your situation
	LOUISIANA STATE POLICE BACKGROUND CHECK: Programs with a hospital-based internship program MUST require a LA State Police Background check in addition to the general one.	\$37.00
Platinum Planner App		\$74
CPR Certification	American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers – Spring course will be offered for a fee at BRCC	\$50.00
Textbooks	Textbooks (See list below)	Variable online
Uniforms	Uniforms – purchased in January (Classics or Uniforms by Bayou)	Varies
CST Exam/ Study Resources	Money Order/ Cashiers check made out to AST	\$ 257
First Semester (Spring)	Tuition and Fees credit hours of Surgical Technology	\$555.84 **
Second Semester (Summer)	Tuition and Fees -8 credit hours of Surgical Technology	\$1,111.68 **
Third Semester (Fall)	Tuition and Fees - 8 credit hours of Surgical Technology	\$1,389.60 **

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM COSTS

(Traditional Track)

Pre-Admission	COLLEGE ADMISSION APPLICATION DECLARE YOUR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR!!	No Fee
	COST OF PREREQUISITE COURSES NOT INCLUDED	

Background Screening Service	Nationwide Background Check, Drug Screen & Document Portal	\$80.00
	<u>PHYSICAL EXAM, IMMUNIZATIONS & TITERS</u> –Some vaccinations may be required.	Prices dependent on your situation
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Fourth Semester (Spring)	Tuition and Fees - 8 credit hours of Surgical Technology	\$1,250.64 **

TEXTBOOK LIST

These textbooks are available from the BRCC Bookstore. You may find lower pricies online

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fuller, Joanna K. (2022) Surgical Technology Principles and Practices, Eighth Edition, Saunders and Elsevier. ISBN: 978-0-323-68018-9</i> • <i>Rothrock, J. & Alexander S. (2012) Alexander's Surgical Procedures St. Louis, MO. Mosby Elsevier.</i> ISBN: 978-0-323-07555-8 	MANDATORY
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- *Goldman, M. (2008). Pocket Guide to the Operating Room. Philadelphia, PA. F.A. Davis. ISBN-13: 978-0803612266 ISBN-10: 0803612265 (AVAILABLE DIGITALLY THROUGH THE BRCC LIBRARY)*

Additional Information & Considerations

Have a Backup Plan

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program is competitive, and not all applicants are selected. It's important to consider alternative academic pathways that align with your interests and career goals.

Recommended alternatives include:

- Sonography
- Nursing
- Medical Assistant
- Sterile Processing
- Veterinary Technology

You are welcome to reapply to the Surgical Technology Program in a future cycle. Each application year is evaluated independently, and there is no limit to how many times you may apply.

Louisiana Transfer Associate Degree (LTAD)

BRCC participates in the Louisiana Transfer Degree initiative, which allows students to earn a two-year portable academic credential that guarantees junior standing at any Louisiana public university.

If you're pursuing general studies or planning for transfer, work closely with an academic advisor to ensure you're selecting the appropriate courses. Approved curricula are available in the BRCC Catalog.

Course Repetition Policy (Retake-and-Replace)

BRCC allows students to retake courses to improve their grades.

- The most recent grade—whether higher or lower—becomes the grade of record.
- Be aware that taking a course more than twice may affect your financial aid eligibility.
- Always consult with a financial aid advisor before repeating a class.