Minimum Expectations for Students Entering the Surgical Technology Program

Minimum expectations statement: "To prepare entry-level Surgical Technologists who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession."

Academic Expectations

• Demonstrate the ability to read, comprehend, and apply complex medical terminology and surgical concepts.

• Maintain satisfactory academic progress according to program policies.

• Complete assigned coursework, exams, and laboratory activities on time.

• Utilize critical thinking and problem-solving skills during classroom, laboratory, and clinical experiences.

• Follow all policies outlined in the Kilgore College Catalog and Surgical Technology Student Handbook.

Professional Conduct Expectations

• Treat patients, faculty, staff, and clinical personnel with respect and professionalism.

• Maintain patient confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA regulations.

• Demonstrate honesty and integrity in academic and clinical settings.

• Follow all institutional and clinical site policies.

• Maintain appropriate professional appearance according to program dress code.

Clinical Expectations

• Punctuality, attend and actively participate in all assigned clinical rotations.

• Follow sterile technique and operating room protocols.

- Demonstrate safe patient care practices.
- Complete required surgical case experiences as outlined by program accreditation standards.
- Accept constructive feedback from instructors and clinical preceptors.

Physical and Mental Requirements

- Stand for extended periods of time (often 2–10hours).
- Lift and move equipment and supplies up to approximately 25 pounds.
- Demonstrate manual dexterity necessary to handle surgical instruments.
- Visually identify surgical anatomy, instruments, and sterile field breaks.
- Function effectively in high-stress and fast-paced environments.
- Communicate clearly with members of the surgical team.

Health and Safety Requirements

- Immunization documentation
- Drug screening
- Background check
- CPR certification