

The College of Health Care Professions Surgical Technology Certification State Requirements

State	Certification Required by State	License Required by State	Curriculum Meets the State Educational Requirements Certification and Licensure	Curriculum Does Not Meet the State Educational Requirements Certification and Licensure	State Licensure Board Requirements	State Licensure Board Contact Information
ALABAMA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALASKA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARIZONA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARKANSAS	NBSTSA Certification Required if using the following title, "Registered Surgical Technologist"; otherwise NBSTSA Certification not required	Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	Individuals have the option to register with the Arkansas State Medical Board to use the following title, "Registered Surgical Technologist"; this option requires NBSTSA Certification	Arkansas State Medical Board; armedicalboard.org
CALIFORNIA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
COLORADO	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	Individuals must Register with the following agency (No Certification or License is required/awarded) Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)	Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA); dora.colorado.gov
CONNECTICUT	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
DELAWARE	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
FLORIDA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
GEORGIA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
HAWAII	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
IDAHO	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
ILLINOIS	NBSTSA Certification Required if using the following title, "Registered Surgical Technologist"; otherwise NBSTSA Certification not required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	Individuals have the option to register with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to use the following title, "Registered Surgical Technologist"; this option requires NBSTSA Certification	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR); idfpr.com
INDIANA	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
IOWA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
KANSAS	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
KENTUCKY	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
LOUISIANA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAINE	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MARYLAND	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MASSACHUSETTS	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MICHIGAN	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MINNESOTA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MISSISSIPPI	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MISSOURI	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONTANA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEBRASKA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEVADA	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW JERSEY	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW MEXICO	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW YORK	Certification Required from a Nationally-Accredited Credentialing Organization; NBSTSA Certification qualifies	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A

NORTH CAROLINA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
					Individuals required to register with the "Unlicensed Assistive Person & Medication Assistant" registry. Surgical technologists do not need to be certified in order to register. The North Dakota Board of Nursing handles registration.	North Dakota Board of Nursing; ncsbn.org
NORTH DAKOTA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A		
OHIO	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
OKLAHOMA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
OREGON	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
PENNSYLVANIA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
RHODE ISLAND	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOUTH CAROLINA	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOUTH DAKOTA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
TENNESSEE	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
TEXAS	NBSTSA Certification Required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
UTAH	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
VERMONT	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
					Individuals have the option to register with the Virginia Board of Medicine to use the following title, "Registered Surgical Technologist"; this option requires NBSTSA Certification	Virginia Board of Medicine; dhp.virginia.gov
VIRGINIA	NBSTSA Certification Required if using the following title, "Registered Surgical Technologist"; otherwise NBSTSA Certification not required	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A		
					Individuals must register with the Department of Health in order to practice surgical technology in this State's healthcare facilities. Surgical Technologists must complete seven (7) hours of AIDS education in order to register. Surgical technologists are not required to be certified in order to register; however, individual employers may require certification as a condition of employment.	Department of Health (Washington State); doh.wa.gov
WASHINGTON	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A		
WEST VIRGINIA	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
WISCONSIN	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A
WYOMING	Not Required for this State	Not Required for this State	Program Meets Requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A

U.S. Territories	Certification is not required by Territories; may be preferred by employer	License is not required by Territories	Curriculum Meets the Territories Educational Requirements Certification and Licensure	Curriculum Does Not Meet the State Educational Requirements Certification and Licensure	State Licensure Board Requirements	State Licensure Board Contact Information
AMERICAN SAMOA	U. S. Territories do not have any minimum requirements for education and training of Surgical technologists. There is also no requirement to be certified or licensed. Employers decide who qualifies to work as a Surgical Technologist. Most of these employers prefer to hire those candidates who have at least completed a certificate or degree program in Surgical Technology. Some may want to see that you have national certification through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).					
GUAM						
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS						
PUERTO RICO						
US VIRGIN ISLANDS						