

Fall 2025 AAS Surgical Technology Program Selection Criteria

I. Cumulative Prerequisite GPA

2.6 – 3.0 = 20 points

3.1 – 3.5 = 30 points

3.6 – 4.0 = 40 points

II. Additional General Education Requirements – points awarded for each class completed with a grade “C” or above:

BIOL 189*	2 points
MATH 104 or higher (except 122 or 123)	2 points
COM 101	2 points
Human Relations	2 points
Fine Arts/Humanities/SS	2 points
US/NV Constitution	2 points

***Note:** Northern Nevada students will need to complete and submit an approved substitution request for BIOL 190 in lieu of BIOL 189 (*for graduation purposes and for points towards selection*) with their application packet before the deadline date.

III. Purdue Pegboard Dexterity Test

Part I – Both Hands Total = X MAX 20 Points

Part II – Assembly Total= X MAX 20 Points

Each student will be allowed to practice each part twice. Third attempt will be the final score for each part. Totals of Part I & II will be added to overall points towards selection. Scores are valid for 5 years and students have two attempts at the Purdue Pegboard Dexterity Test. The highest scores obtained out of the two attempts will be used towards selection.

Registration information for the Purdue Pegboard Dexterity Test is available online at:

<https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/surgical-technology-program/ST-Dext-2023-2.pdf>

IV. Health Care Experience – Examples can include but are not limited to: CRCST, CNA, EMT, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, etc.

- **Completion of Central Sterile Technician Certificate from CSN or TMCC (4 points)**
 - Submit copy of certificate of completion with application packet to earn points.
 - Note: If central sterile technician certificate was not awarded from an NSHE institution (CSN or TMCC), the student must contact the Program Director of Surgical Technology for approval, and points may be awarded for selection purposes.
- **Earn Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) Credential (must be current at the time of application) (8 Points)**
 - Submit copy of certification proof with application packet to earn points
- **Credentialed Health Occupation other than CRCST (must be current at the time of application) (6 Points)**
- **Paid Non-Clerical Healthcare Work Experience (must be six months within the last 2 years)**
 - Documentation form completed by employer indicating work responsibilities and length of employment must be supplied. **Clerical work will not meet this requirement.** The Health Care Experience Form is available online at: <https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/surgical-technology-program/st-hce.pdf.pdf> (5 Points)
- **Volunteer Work in the Medical Field (must be within 12 months of the deadline)**
 - Volunteer work can be related to anything in the medical field, must include patient interaction (clerical work will not meet this requirement), and must be at least 40 hours of service. The Volunteer Work

Documentation Form is available online at: <https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/surgical-technology-program/st-vw.pdf.pdf> (5 Points)

****Points can be awarded from all five categories.*

V. Letters of Recommendation – Students will be awarded **7.5 points** by obtaining one letter of recommendation and **15 points** by obtaining a second letter of recommendation:

- Points will **ONLY** be awarded if the letter is submitted correctly and has 6 of the 9 areas marked “good” or better. No points will be awarded if the letter is submitted incorrectly or has 5 or fewer areas marked “average” or better.
- Recommendation letters may be from a previous/current employer or where you completed volunteer work. Please be sure that the letter of recommendation is from someone in a supervisory role. All letters of recommendation must be current and within one year of the application deadline. The Letter of Recommendation Form is available online at: <https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/surgical-technology-program/st-lor.pdf.pdf>

VI. Grade in SRTG 101B

Grade A to A- = 10 points

Grade B+ to B = 5 points

Grade B- to C = 0 points