

# PRE-SURGICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Doña Ana Community College [2026-2027](#) Catalog

## (35 credits)

The Surgical Technology program is a collaborative effort between San Juan College (SJC) and Doña Ana Community College (DACC) to offer the Surgical Technologist program of study to students in Southern New Mexico. Prerequisite coursework will first be completed at DACC. Once all prerequisite work is completed, students will apply for admission to the SJC Surgical Technology program. Admitted students will complete courses online through San Juan College. Hands-on lab sections and clinical requirements will take place in the student's hometown area with employer partners with SJC who have agreed to provide their healthcare organizations as a clinical site.

NOTE: Students must earn a final grade of C- or better in all required courses and achieve a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0. A grade of C- or better is required in ENGL 1110G Composition I and designated Mathematics courses.

Students must complete all University certificate requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 35 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>General Education</b>		
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 1		4
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
or ENGL 1110M	Composition I	
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 2		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
or ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication	
Area I: Communications - Oral Communications		3
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
Area III: Laboratory Sciences		4
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
<b>Technical Requirements</b>		
HLSC 1510	Medical Terminology	3
BIOL 2310 & 2310L	Microbiology and Microbiology Lab	4
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2225	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
MATH 1220G	College Algebra (or higher EXCLUDING MATH 2134G*) If Math is taken at San Juan, MATH 2110 is excluded	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>35</b>

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### A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students, and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1	Credits
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 1	4
ENGL 1110G Composition I	
Area I: Communications - Oral Communications	3
COMM 1130G Public Speaking	
Area III: Laboratory Sciences	4
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	
HLSC 1510 Medical Terminology	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
Semester 2	
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 2	3
ENGL 2210G Professional and Technical Communication	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
PSYC 1110G Introduction to Psychology	
BIOL 2210 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2310 & 2310L Microbiology and Microbiology Lab	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
Semester 3	
BIOL 2225 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
MATH 1220G College Algebra (or higher EXCLUDING MATH 2134G) If Math is taken at San Juan, MATH 2210 is excluded	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>35</b>

## Academic Advisor

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## Pre-Surgical Technician program advisors

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## San Juan College Contact Information

Surgical Technology Home Page (<https://www.sanjuacollege.edu/surgicaltechnology/>)

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TEAS Testing Information (<https://www.sanjuacollege.edu/support/testing/>)

Surgical Technology program application (<https://www.sanjuacollege.edu/surgicaltechnology/>) after completion of all pre-requisites, and TEAS testing. Application due in April classes begin in August

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