



# Surgical Technologist

# Career Paths

High School Diploma / GED

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Associate's Degree

OR

US Military Trained

OR

Facility-Based and Online Programs  
(125 clinical cases required)



Certified Surgical Tech  
(required in some states)

OR

Tech in Surgery Certification



Licensure / Certification Exam Required:  
NBSTSA CST Exam or NCCT Certification Exam



Career Growth Opportunities

Operating Room Coordinator or Lead Tech

Surg Tech Educator or Facility Program Coordinator

Instrument Specialist or other Central Services Role\*

Surgical Assistant (First Assistant)\*

Registered Nurse\*

Medical Sales Rep\*

\*Requires additional certification or degree



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**At the heart of the operating room.**

## → Career Overview

Surgical technologists are key members of the surgical team who prepare operating rooms, manage equipment and assist surgeons during fast-paced procedures. They also maintain sterile environments and ensure the right instruments and supplies are ready when needed. Their work directly supports patient safety and successful surgical outcomes.

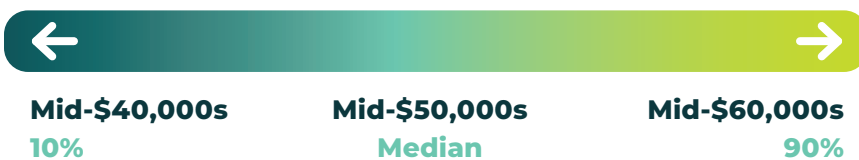
## → Where They Work

Surgical technologists work in hospitals, outpatient surgery centers and other healthcare settings. They may support a wide range of specialties, including orthopedics, OB/GYN, pediatrics and outpatient care.

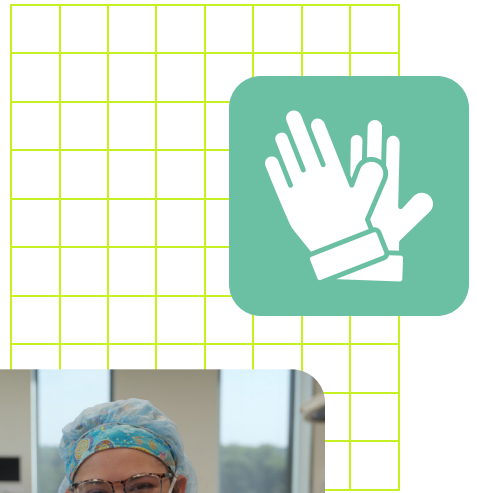
## → Career Growth

With experience and additional training, surgical technologists can advance into supervisory roles or specialize in specific surgical areas.

## SALARY SNAPSHOT



Source: JobsEQ, May 2024 | Salary ranges represent regional averages and may vary based on experience, certification level and employer.



## → You'll love this job if you:

- Stay calm under pressure
- Like hands-on work
- Enjoy helping people directly
- Prefer teamwork over desk work

## → Skills That Matter

- Attention to detail
- Manual dexterity
- Strong communication
- Ability to work under pressure
- Knowledge of sterile techniques and surgical procedures

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