



National Occupational Framework: Surgical Technologist

Surgical technologists assist surgical teams in conducting surgeries, under the supervision of physicians and registered nurses. They set up the operating room and equipment, pass instruments and supplies to surgeons, and restock operating rooms after a procedure. They also prepare patients for surgery and transport patients to and from the operating room.

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Apprenticeship: A Solution for Recruiting and Training Surgical Technologists

Apprenticeship programs combine learning on the job and in the classroom to train workers in the exact skills needed by employers. Surgical technologists play a vital role on health care teams by assisting during surgeries, and demand for these skilled workers is growing. Apprenticeships can equip workers with knowledge and skills in medical terminology, surgical procedures, and surgical equipment management so they can enter and succeed in this critical health care occupation.



Apprenticeship Benefits:

90%
employment retention for apprentices

86%
of employers with programs recommend apprenticeship

\$1.44
return on investment for every dollar spent

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A [NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL FRAMEWORK](#)?

- background information to help you learn more about the occupation
- comprehensive list of the competencies apprentices need to do the job
- building blocks of information for employers developing a registered apprenticeship program

Questions? Visit the National Apprenticeship Resource Hub at apprenticeships.urban.org or contact the Urban Institute at apprenticeship@urban.org.



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