

## THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISING AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION FALL 2025



# **URGENT NOTICE TO STUDENTS**

Please read the program advising and application process guide fully and carefully. If you have questions, please schedule a meeting with a success coach, the MBH AEA, or the Department Chair. Prerequisite courses have changed.

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## Application Process for Fall 2025 Admission to the Pueblo Community College Surgical Technology (AAS STE) Program

**STEP 1: Initial Meeting.** Meet with a PCC Success Coach, MBH AEA, or the Surgical Technology Program Department Chair to review application requirements and course completion.

**STEP 2: Academic Requirements.** Applicants must complete the following general education prerequisite courses before applying. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. In-progress grades will be accepted if the course(s) appear as "in progress" at the time of application and are completed by the end of the summer semester. It's the applicant's responsibility to submit final course grades as soon as possible for consideration.

#### **Required Courses:**

- BIO 1010: Biology Foundations (2 credits)
- BIO 2101: Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits, includes lab)
- BIO 2102: Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits, includes lab)
- BIO 2104: Microbiology (4 credits)

*Note:* All Biology (BIO) courses must be completed within seven (7) years of entry into the PCC Surgical Technology Program. Students may need to complete BIO 1111 or BIO 1010 as a prerequisite for A&P courses.

#### Additional General Education Courses:

Completion of the following courses prior to application will earn additional application points:

- ENG 1021: English Composition I (3 credits)
- HPR 1038: Medical Terminology (1 credit)

#### **Alternative Courses:**

For the 2025 application cycle only, students who have taken prerequisite courses from a previous academic pathway may have their coursework evaluated and accepted on a case-by-case basis:

- BIO 1006: Basic Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)
- BIO 1016: Introduction to Human Disease (3 credits)
- COM 2063: Conflict Resolution (1 credit)
- COM 2069: Leadership (1 credit)
- HPR 1039: Medical Terminology (2 credits)
- COM 1250: Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)
  - or COM 1105: Career Communication (3 credits)
  - o or COM 1150: Public Speaking (3 credits)
- ENG 1021: English Composition I (3 credits)

**STEP 3: Online Application & Supplemental Materials.** Complete the program admission application online using the following link: <u>Pueblo Community College Surgical Technology</u>. The application period runs from January 20, 2025, to May 28, 2025. Late applications may be considered if space permits.

### **Required Documents (PDF format):**

- Unofficial transcripts. Courses in progress for Summer 2025 must be indicated.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. Applicants must copy and share the recommendation form with their chosen recommenders using this link: <u>Recommendation Form</u>
- A 300-word essay explaining why you want to become a Surgical Technologist and how you plan to succeed in this rigorous, full-time program.

*Note:* Incomplete applications will not be processed. Missing documentation will result in disqualification from the application scoring process.

**STEP 4: Interview Process.** Applicants with complete applications will be contacted in the first week of June to schedule an in-person, hands-on interview. Interviews will take place in the second week of June, with specific dates and times provided during scheduling.

**STEP 5: Application Scoring & Committee Review.** Admission to the Surgical Technology program is competitive. The Surgical Technology Department Admission Team will assess applicants using a standardized scoring tool.

**STEP 6: Admission Decision & Requirements.** Accepted applicants will receive an email notification by the third week of June. Applicants are responsible for checking their email and spam folders during this period. Admission is conditional, pending the successful completion of a background check and drug screening. Instructions and deadlines for these requirements will be included in the acceptance email.

#### **Required Documentation (Due at Program Start):**

#### • Current Immunizations:

- PPD/TB: Proof of annual two-step TB skin test OR QuantiFERON TB Gold blood test
- Tetanus: Proof of one (1) Tdap vaccination in a lifetime and one (1) TD Booster within 10 years of program entry
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR): Proof of two (2) MMR vaccinations OR lab evidence of immunity (MMR titer)
- Hepatitis B: Proof of 3-dose Hepatitis B series OR Hepatitis B titer
- Varicella: Proof of two (2) vaccinations OR Varicella titer
- COVID-19: Proof of one (1) vaccination
- Influenza: Proof of annual vaccination due by September 15th (or as advised)

• Current American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification (valid for two years)

*Note:* Online-only certifications are not accepted.

By following these steps, applicants ensure their eligibility for the PCC Surgical Technology Program and position themselves for success in the selection process.