

SURGICAL TECH CAREER PATHWAY

JOB ADVANCEMENT

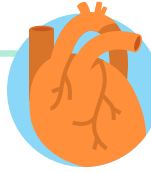
SURGICAL SPECIALIZATION

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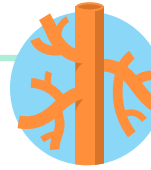
14%
SALARY
INCREASE⁴

OPEN
HEART



9%
SALARY
INCREASE⁴

VASCULAR



8%
SALARY
INCREASE⁴

CENTRAL SUPPLY SUPERVISOR

Supervises employees responsible for either all central supply functions or one specific function such as sterilization, equipment distribution, or linen supply. **Often requires additional training or experience.**

AVERAGE SALARY
\$82,172⁶

FIRST ASSISTANT

Primary surgical technician in the operating room, performing the more advanced duties. **Often requires additional training or experience.**

AVERAGE SALARY
\$56,000⁵

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECTED GROWTH 2016-2026:

12%
employment
growth¹

10K
job
openings²

ENTRY-LEVEL WAGE

10%
hourly **\$15.61** | annual **\$32,470**

PERCENTILE WAGE ESTIMATES³

50%
hourly **\$22.26** | annual **\$46,310**

90%
hourly **\$32.21** | annual **\$67,000**

TRAINING TIME & CREDENTIALS

POST-SECONDARY CERTIFICATE

Surgical techs enter the field with a postsecondary non-degree certificate awarded upon completion of training at an accredited program. The certificate can be achieved in less than a year after receiving a high school diploma or equivalency.

THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION

Third-party certification is often required by employers.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Two-year associate's degree programs are available and potentially required for job advancement.

Surgical Technologists (Techs)–SOC 29-2055

Work closely with surgeons and first assistants to prepare operating rooms, ready patients, and maintain a sterile environment.

¹ Faster than average growth. Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/surgical-technologists.htm#tab-6

² O*NET Summary Report for Surgical Technologists: www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2055.00

³ Bureau of Labor Statistics: [www.bls.gov/oes/2017/may/oes292055.htm#\(2\)](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2017/may/oes292055.htm#(2))

⁴ Based on research published by PayScale: www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Surgical_Technologist/Hourly_Rate

⁵ Based on findings published by Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research: college.mayo.edu/academics/explore-health-care-careers/careers-a-z/surgical-first-assistant/

⁶ Based on information published by salary.com: <https://www1.salary.com/Central-Supply-Supervisor-Salary.html>



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