



Odessa College

Associate Degree Program

Admissions Guide

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Applicants for competitive entry programs must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for ranking. Ranking points are obtained from the most recent Texas Success Initiative (TSI), GPA and interview. Official TSI assessment scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be used. Official TSI Assessment scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (Essay, Reading, Math and Writing).

General Requirements

Applicants for Competitive Entry Programs in Nursing and Allied Health must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for consideration of ranking.

Surgical Technology applicants are required to meet all the following:

- **Enrolled at Odessa College** as a Credit Student
- **TSIA compliant**
- Completion of an **online Health Careers Orientation**
- **Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required** which will be based on prior general education courses accepted for the surgical technology program plan of study or High School GPA if applicable.
- Must have a **High School Diploma or GED** or other OC approved equivalent per catalog.

Completed Program Specific materials should be brought in person or mailed to:

Odessa College Surgical Technology Program Director
201 West University Boulevard
Odessa, TX 79764
Composite Technology Room 214
432-335-6459

Assessment Thresholds

Minimum required TSI Assessment score for Surgical Technology Program

Essay (PTSE) 5

Reading (PTSR) 351

Math (PTSM) 350

Writing (PTSW) 363

Ranking Protocols

It is highly recommended that all course work for science and medical terminology along with some general education courses within the degree plan be completed prior to ranking for it to be competitive. Ranking courses are courses within the degree plan in which performance most reliably predicts future ability to perform successfully in the program. The ranking GPA is calculated based on the following courses:

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (Maximum of two attempts allowed)
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (Maximum of two attempts allowed)
BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors (Maximum of two attempts allowed)
HPRS 1106 Essentials of Medical Terminology
MATH Choice of 1 course (MATH 1314, 1333 or 1342)
PSYC 2301 General Psychology
SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communications
ENGL 1301 English composition
HUMA Choice of 1 course (HUMA 1301, 1305, 2319 or PHIL 1301)

Deadlines for Completing Specialized Admissions Requirements

Application deadline for the Fall Semester is June 1.

Pre-program Specific Requirements

Applicants for competitive programs must also meet all pre-program specific requirements prior to qualifying for ranking. The following is required for all applicants:

Complete a Surgical Technology Competitive Admissions Orientation in person or on-line when available.

- Must file a degree plan with designated Health Success Coach.
- Current CPR Certification at the Professional Level (Must be from American Heart Association Healthcare Provider), must include AED.
- Completed current Physical Exam
- Completed Technical Standards form
- Meet current immunization requirements.
 - Completed Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 and Titer (can take 4-6 months to complete)/if a student has started the Hepatitis B series by ranking deadline June 1st, he or she may be cleared for ranking or registration with the understanding that the series must be completed in a timely manner prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.

- Tuberculosis Screening and/or testing annually, or chest x-rays and questionnaire (annual).
- 2 doses – Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) and Titer
- 2 doses Varicella Vaccination and Titer
- Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) every 10 years
- Influenza Vaccination annually
- Meningitis or booster (Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial meningitis is required for all entering students under the age of 22. The term entering students includes new students to OC, transfer students, and returning students, Students must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster.
- Provide proof of health insurance which must be maintained throughout the program.

Additional Information

- Program Start Dates: Fall
- Maximum Students Admitted: 10 students
- A student has three years to complete the Associate Degree or level II certificate in Surgical Technology after official enrollment in the first Surgical Technology course.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with TSI Assessment testing.

Background Check and Substance abuse screening are **PRE Admissions** requirements. Please wait for instructions from the Surgical Technology Program. Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission into the Surgical Technology Program.

Post Admissions Requirements

Students are responsible for the following requirements **AFTER** accepting a seat in the program:

PROGRAM ORIENTATION: one day **in person** orientation.

CLINICAL ORIENTATION (Online)

HIPAA TRAINING: **HIPAA Access Online**. Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies **and** Liability Insurance required for clinical.

Point Ranking System

As part of the admission criteria, the point values for all Surgical Technology applicants will be totaled. A rank ordered list of Surgical Technology applicants by point total will be developed. The applicants with the highest number of points will be admitted into the Surgical Technology Program each year until all available spots are filled.

Alternates: Three alternates will be accepted.

Ties: Application packets will be time/date stamped and if a Point Tie occurs, applicants will be accepted based on first come basis.

Points are calculated based upon the following criteria:

Grade Point Average (GPA):

The GPA will be taken from the High School Transcript unless the student has completed 12 college credit hours with at least 4 being in the Math/Science area. The cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 system) will be based on the general education courses completed within the Surgical Technology Program plan of study only.

GPA	Points Awarded
3.7 - 4.0	20
3.5 -3.69	18
3.3 - 3.49	16
3.1 - 3.29	14
2.9 - 3.09	12
2.7 – 2.89	10
2.5 - 2.69	8
≤ 2.49	0

Students requesting admission with fewer than 12 semester credit hours of college level work, or presenting a high school GPA for consideration, will have points awarded as follows:

GPA	Points Awarded
3.7 - 4.0	18
3.5 -3.69	16
3.3 - 3.49	14
3.1 - 3.29	12
2.9 - 3.09	10
2.7 – 2.89	8
2.5 - 2.69	6
≤ 2.49	0

TSI: exempt based on SAT, ACT, or STAR they will receive the highest number of points; if remedial course was required to be taken the following points will be awarded: A= 6 points, B= 4 points and C= 2 points.

SCORE	Points Awarded (Reading)
380-390	8
370- 379	6
360-369	4
351-359	2
SCORE	Points Awarded (Math)
380-390	8
370- 379	6
360- 369	4
350-359	2
SCORE	Points Awarded (Writing)
8	8
7	6
6	4
5	2

Math/Science GPA

GPA of all Math/Science courses added together (A=4.0, B=3, C=2) that fulfill the degree requirements for the surgical technology program. Math/Science credit hours x math/Science GPA.

Credit hours x GPA	Points awarded
57-60	26
52-56	24
47-51	22
42-46	20
37-41	18
32-36	16
26-31	14
21-25	12
16-20	10

Example BIOL 2401 4 credit hours x (A) 4.0 = 16

BIOL 2402 4 credit hours x (A) 4.0 = 16

BIOL 2421 4 credit hours x (A) 4.0 = 16

MTH 3 credits x (A) 4.0=12

15 x 4 = 60 this student would earn 26 points

BIOL 2401 4 credit hours x (B) 4.0 = 12

BIOL 2402 4 credit hours x (C) 8.0 = 8

8 x 2.5 = 20 this student would earn 10 points

Interview Process:

20 points

BACKGROUND CHECK AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING: will be required for the top 10 applicants and 3 alternates prior to final acceptance into the program. Please wait for instructions from the program director to complete.

Students will be informed of their final acceptance following the receipt of the background and substance abuse screening results.

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