SOUTHWEST TECH
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TESU 1040 - Principles and Practices of Surgical Technology (3 Credits)

Course Description

The Principles and Practices of Surgical Technology course will introduce students to wound management, and healing. They will be familiar with perioperative care and the principles of asepsis, and attain stills for patient positioning, prepping, and draping.

Course Objectives

- Explain hemostasis, wound healing, and tissue closure
- Outline perioperative case management
- Demonstrate the principles of asepsis
- Analyze patient prepping and positioning
- Differentiate stapling and closure devices

Course Outline

- Equipment, Instruments, and Supplies
- The Integumentary System and Hemostasis
- Surgical Case Management
- Final Exams

Textbook & Reading Materials

Cengage Unlimited Subscription, Cengage

Classroom Hours

Start: 4-1-2025
End: 7-17-2025

Tu, Th
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

For a full list of course hours visit: Course Schedule

Instructor Contact Information

Samantha Herbaugh — sherbaugh@stech.edu
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Office Hours: By appointment

Email is the preferred method of communication; you will receive a response within 24 hours during regular business hours.

Canvas Information

Canvas is the where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

- stech.instructure.com
- For Canvas, Passwords, or any other computer-related technical support contact Student Services.
- Regular Hours and Weekdays (435) 586 - 2899
- After Hours & Weekends (435) 865 - 3929 (Leave a message if no response)

Course Policies

Student must adhere to the Program Safety, Performance Standards, and code of conduct outlined in the Surgical Technology Policies and Procedures.

Each assignment is awarded points according to how well the submission follows the requirement of the assignment. Students must maintain a minimum of 80% in the course. The assignment groups weight will be as follows: assignments 40%, module quizzes 25%, lab pass-offs and participation 15%, and the final exam 20%. If a student scores less than 80% on a final exam, he/she will have the opportunity to retake the exam for a second attempt. If a student fails to pass the final exam or the course with a minimum of 80%, the student will be dismissed from the program.

If at anytime a student falls below the 80% course minimum, a meeting will be scheduled with the student and instructor/s to discuss make-up opportunities or actions the student may take to improve their grades. Students are expected to attend all scheduled courses at the provided time. Each student must maintain a minimum of 80% attendance in the program. If you are going to be absent, communication with the instructor is required to set up time to make up the time missed. This make up time will be scheduled at the convenience of the instructors. Failure to meet the required attendance standards will result in program dismissal.

You may use your cell phones at your own discretion. NO USING CELL PHONES DURING CLASS PRESENTATIONS OR QUIZZES/EXAMS. CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE LAB.

High School Power School Grades: Quarter student grades will be determined by student progress percentage. Faculty will use the higher percentage of either 1) quarter progress, or 2) cumulative progress for the current training plan year. The progress percentage will be used with the grading scale to determine the minimum grade. High School Grade Scale: The following grading scale will be used to determine a letter grade from the progress percentage:

- A 94 - 100%
- A- 90 - 93%
- B+ 87 - 89%
- B 83 - 86%
- B- 80 - 82%
- C+ 77 - 79%
- C 73 - 76%
- C- 70 - 72%
- D+ 67 - 69%
- D 63 - 66%
- D- 60 - 62%
- F 0 - 59%

Additional Information

InformaCast Statement: Southwest Tech uses InformaCast to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. In times of emergency, such as weather closures and delays, this app allows us to promptly deliver notifications directly to your mobile devices. To stay informed and receive real-time updates, we encourage all students to sign up for notifications. Your safety is our priority, and staying connected ensures a swift response to any unforeseen circumstances. More information and directions for signing up are available at: https://stech.edu/emergency-notifications/

Internet Acceptable Use Policy: The student is expected to review and follow the Southwest Technical College Internet Safety Policy at: https://stech.edu/students/policies/

Student Code of Conduct Policy: The student is expected to review and follow the Southwest Technical College Student Code of Conduct Policy at: https://stech.edu/students/policies/

Accommodations: Students with medical, psychological, learning, or other disabilities desiring accommodations or services under ADA, must contact the Student Services Office. Student Services determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of these accommodations and services. Students must voluntarily disclose that they have a disability, request an accommodation, and provide documentation of their disability. Students with disabilities may apply for accommodations, based on an eligible disability, through the Student Services office located at 757 W. 800 S., Cedar City, UT 84720, and by phone at (435) 586-2899. No diagnostic services are currently available through Southwest Technical College.

Safety and Building Maintenance: The College has developed and follows a variety of plans to ensure the safe and effective operation of its facilities and programs. The following plans are available online:
1) Facilities Operations and Maintenance Plan; 2) Technical Infrastructure Plan; and 3) Health and Safety Plan.

Withdrawals and Refunds: Please refer to the Southwest Technical College Refund Policy at:
https://stech.edu/students/policies/

Any high school or adult student, who declares a technical training objective is eligible for admission at Southwest Technical College (Southwest Tech). Program-specific admissions requirements may exist and will be listed on the Southwest Tech website. A high school diploma or equivalent is not required for admission but is mandatory for students seeking Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Non-Discriminatory Policy: Southwest Technical College affirms its commitment to promote the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of the educational enterprise, and bases its policies on the idea of global human dignity.

Southwest Tech is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination. No otherwise qualified person may be excluded from participation in or be subjected to discrimination in any course, program or activity because of race, age, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin or disability. Southwest Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates, as required by Title IX and 34 CFR part 106. The requirement not to discriminate in education programs or activities extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX and its regulations to STECH may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, to the Department of Education, and/or to the Office for Civil rights.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination or harassment on our campus, please contact the Title IX Coordinator, Cory Estes: cestes@stech.edu, (435) 865-3938.

For special accommodations, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Cyndie Tracy: ctracy@stech.edu, (435) 865-3944.
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