

## TESU 2900 – Surgical Technology Clinical Externship I (4 Credits)

### Course Description

The Surgical Technology Clinical Externship I course will extend the educational experience in the surgical field under the supervision of experienced medical professionals in a clinical setting.

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### Course Objectives

- Practice decontamination standards and procedures for both sterile and non-sterile instrumentation and equipment
  - Demonstrate spatial relations within a surgical field
  - Implement infection control procedures, hazard communication, and health and safety procedures
  - Demonstrate skills for scrubbing, gowning, gloving, and draping
  - Integrate employability skills
  - Assist with patient care
  - Facilitate case preparation
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### Course Outline

- Surgical Technology Clinical Externship I
  - Surgical Technology Clinical Externship II
  - Surgical Technology Clinical Externship III
  - Surgical Technology Clinical Externship IV
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### Textbook & Reading Materials

Cengage Unlimited Subscription

## Assignments & Assessments

Orientation	Week 7
TESU 2900 Syllabi	Experience Essay
Student Clinical Paperwork.pdf	Week 8
Clinical Information for Students.pdf	Week 9
Clinical Schedule 2025.pdf	Week 10
Cedar City Clinical Sheet.pdf	Week 11
St.George Regional Clinical Sheet.pdf	Week 12
Week 1/2	Week 13
Week 3	Makeup Days
Week 4	Clinical Preparation Sheets
Week S	Clinical Experience Essay
Week 6	End of Course Survey

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*Subject to change. Please consult your Canvas course for the most current instructions and updates.*

## Classroom Hours

Start: 05/01/2026

End: 07/17/2026

Hours Vary

For a full list of course hours visit: [Course Schedule](#)

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## Instructor Contact Information

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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.*

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## Canvas Information

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

- Canvas URL: [stech.instructure.com](https://stech.instructure.com)
  - For Canvas passwords or any other computer-related technical support contact Student Services.
  - For Regular Hours and Weekdays call (435) 586 - 2899
  - For After Hours and Weekends call (435) 865 - 3929 (Leave a message if no response)
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## Policies

### Course Grading

A clinical evaluation document must be submitted for each clinical day to count towards your overall hours and grades. Clinical evaluation documents will be graded according to how much of the document is completed and that the information is accurate. Students must maintain 80% in this course.

Grade Scale: The following grading scale will be used to determine a letter grade.

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

### Course Policies

Student must adhere to the Program Safety, Performance Standards, and code of conduct outlined in the Surgical Technology Policies and Procedures. Student must wear royal blue embroidered scrubs and close-toed shoes and adhere to facility policies and standards.

Students must complete all required hours and surgical cases to be eligible for the certification exam. Students must complete all of their clinical hours in a timely manner. Each student is required to complete approximately 16 hours of clinicals per week. If you are going to be absent, communication with your instructor will be required to help you set up time to make up clinical hours. It is your responsibility to ask for more clinical days if you do not have enough hours. Make-up days will be provided towards the end of the course. If clinical hours are not completed before the end date, you may be dismissed from the program. You may use cell phones at your own discretion. We highly recommend that you avoid taking your cell phone with you into the operating room.

You may be required to stand for a long amount of hours without a break. You may need to lift heavy items such as instrument pans or transferring a patient.

## 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](mailto:cestes@stech.edu), (435) 865-3938.

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

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