Surgical technologists are an integral part of the healthcare team, working under the supervision of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of surgical procedures. They ensure that the operating room is safe, that equipment functions properly and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

Pima Medical Institute surgical technology students learn the properties of lasers and physics in the surgical setting, expanding their employment options. The program prepares graduates to work in a number of settings, including hospitals, outpatient surgery centers or plastic surgery offices.
What You Will Learn

During the approximately 18-month surgical technology program, you will earn an associate of applied science degree by taking courses in subjects including anatomy and physiology, microbiology, communications, surgical pharmacology and anesthesia, endoscopic principles and procedures, advanced surgical procedures.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of surgical technologists is projected to grow 12 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Advances in medical technology have made surgery safer, and more operations are being done to treat a variety of illnesses and injuries.*

Employment

Pima Medical Institute's surgical technology associate degree program will prepare you to work on a surgical team, where you maintain the operating room's equipment, instrumentation and supplies and provide those items to the surgeon during a procedure. You will communicate with the team on a patient's medical needs and make sure there are enough supplies ready for each procedure. You may also help prepare the room for surgery by positioning a patient on the operating table and prepping incision sites.

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