

# Surgical Services Program

## APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM

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## IRSC OVERVIEW

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE (IRSC) is a public, comprehensive college with a statewide and national reputation for excellence. Located in Florida's Treasure Coast region, each of the College's five campuses provide unparalleled educational environments.

IRSC serves approximately 30,000 students annually and offers more than 100 programs leading to Bachelor's degrees, Associate degrees, technical certificates and applied technology diplomas. Continuing a 60-year tradition of responsiveness to community needs, IRSC is committed to advancing educational, cultural, career training, workforce and economic development in its service area.

IRSC was distinguished as the 2019 winner of the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, an honor that recognizes outstanding quality in the areas of completion & transfer, labor market outcomes, learning, equity and more. IRSC is one of the few colleges in the nation to earn the Achieving the Dream™ Leader College designation. The College is identified by the United States Department of Education as the most affordable college in Florida and the third-most affordable college in the country.

### EA/EO Statement

Indian River State College provides equal employment and educational opportunities to all without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, and any other factor protected under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

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### ACCREDITATION

The Surgical Services Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting ARC/STSA ([arcst.org](http://arcst.org))

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The following items are found in the *Health Science Division Student Handbook*.

(This list has been updated as of 3/2024.)

- 1 Health Science Division Purpose Statement
- 2 Health Science Statement of Ethics
- 3 Health Science Plagiarism Regulation
- 4 Email/Contact Information
- 5 Health Science Use of Electronic Regulation
- 6 Health Science Confidentiality Statement
- 7 Health Science Grading
- 8 Health Science Retention Regulation
- 9 Health Science Probation Regulation
- 10 Health Science Readmission and Dismissal Regulation
- 11 Health Science Complaint Guidelines
- 12 Health Science Liability, Accident and Insurance Regulation
- 13 Health Science Readmission and Dismissal7ines

## INTRODUCTION

Applicants should carefully review the application procedures outlined. Admission to the Surgical Technology program is on a competitive basis. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application process is complete.

**NOTE:** If at any time during the application process you have a change of address or other personal information, update this information via MyPioneerPortal – Student, and notify the Health Science Department of the changes by calling 772-462-7550.

## SURGICAL SERVICES PROGRAM CURRICULUM - 64 Credit Hours

\*General Education courses should be taken prior to acceptance into the program or must be completed while enrolled in the program. All core curriculum (STS prefix), English, A.S. humanities, math, and natural science courses require a grade of "C" or higher. Students must complete all degree requirements to graduate. See the College Catalog for specific requirements for the A.S. degree in Surgical Services.

Priority consideration for admission to the program will be given to those who have completed Anatomy and Physiology I and the co-requisite lab (BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L), Anatomy and Physiology II and co-requisite lab (BSC 2086 and BSC 2086L), and Medical Terminology I (HSC 2531) and Microbiology for Health Science with corequisite lab (MCB 2010 and MCB 2010L).

Students must complete all degree requirements to graduate. See the College Catalog for specific requirements for the A.S. degree in Surgical Services.

Classes in the Surgical Services program meet four to five days per week for four to eight hours per day. Students need to arrange travel and other commitments to arrive at class or clinical assignments on time. Classes generally begin at 9:00 a.m. Clinical rotations generally begin at 6:00 a.m. or 6:30 a.m. and end at either 3:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Occasional weekend and evening rotations are required. Students should be prepared to travel to any of the clinical education sites located within the four-county service district of Indian River State College: St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee and Indian River counties. All clinical education sites are located within a one-hour driving distance from the Massey Campus.

Refer to the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click **Quick Links, Course Catalog**. On the **content column**, Click **Associate in Science** and Select **Surgical Services**. All core curriculum, natural science courses English, humanities, and A.S. math require a grade of "C" or higher.

### SURGICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the national certification exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARCSTSA).

The curriculum includes General Education requirements as well as in-depth instruction in professional behaviors, ethical and legal issues, pharmacology, pathophysiology, and surgical procedures.

The clinical education component of the program is conducted at community partner facilities which include acute-care facilities, ambulatory surgery centers, specialty surgery centers, and physician offices that serve the four-county area. Program graduates may choose to continue their education at the university level, or further specialize in surgical services with a surgical first assistant certification (CSFA).





## INFORMATION SESSIONS

Students interested in applying to the program must attend the appropriate, regularly scheduled, virtual program information session. The information session addresses any questions or concerns prospective applicants may have. The sessions also assist

## APPLYING TO THE SURGICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

The application for the FALL program will be available after the last Friday in January.

### Prior to beginning the application process:

1. Read the Surgical Services Application Booklet.
2. Complete and submit the IRSC Application for the Surgical Services program. (\$30 fee; keep a copy of your receipt).

Note: If at any time during the application process you have a change in personal information (name change, address, phone number or emails), submit the changes through MyPioneerPortal – Student and to the Health Science Division at 772-462-7550.

All applicants will be notified of their status approximately four to six weeks after the deadline date via the email address provided in the Health Science Application. No information is available by telephone. To finalize acceptance once notified of provisional acceptance, students will be required to have a completed IRSC physical examination form, a negative drug screen report and a FDLE background check.

## APPLICANT REVIEW

Admissions/Records must receive the college application and all transcripts prior to the application deadline date. **No documentation will be considered after the Application Deadline date.**

Consideration for program admission is based on the student completing the following by the **application deadline**:

- \_\_\_ 1. 18 years of age or older
- \_\_\_ 2. IRSC Admission status must be complete.
- \_\_\_ 3. Required documentation uploaded to complete application.
- \_\_\_ 4. IRSC and College Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- \_\_\_ 5. General Education coursework completed. Priority will be given to applicants who complete Anatomy & Physiology I with corequisite lab (BSC 2085 and L), Anatomy and Physiology II with corequisite lab (BSC 2086 and L), Medical Terminology (HSC2531), and Microbiology for Health Sciences with corequisite lab (MCB 2010 and MCB 2010L) with a grade of "C" or better prior to the deadline date.

All of the above criteria must be met, or the applicant file will not be reviewed and scored.

**Note: Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Students are selected on a selective admission basis.**

Final consideration for admission into the Surgical Services program will be based upon the Health Science Admissions Committee review and scoring of the criteria above.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Academic performance in the general education courses for the A.S. Degree in Surgical Services and cumulative college grade point average are indicative of the probability of an applicant's completing the academic portion of the program successfully. It is recommended that students complete as many of the following courses as possible, especially math and science, before applying to the program. In addition to previously stated admission requirements, the selection is based on grades achieved in the courses listed below.

Students are selected based on a point system (see below).

Applications are selected based on these scores until all seats are filled.

A = 4 points B = 3 points C = 2 points

tests including immunization records. The form is located on the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click **Programs** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Surgical Services** and select **Health Science Physical Examination and Immunization Form**.

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for