



The MCC Surgical Technology A.A.S. is offered every fall semester. All applicants meeting the minimum admission requirements by the application deadline will be considered (see “Admission Requirements” below). MCC maintains a competitive admission process for this program. When there are more applicants than seats available, the competitive admission process will be used to distribute seats (see “Selection Criteria” below).

Applicants who are not selected for the upcoming semester, do not meet admission requirements, or who apply after the deadline will be admitted into another program (Health Studies Clinical Track or Liberal Arts General Studies) and are encouraged to work with an academic advisor to select appropriate courses for possible admission into the program in a future semester. Students will benefit from reviewing [MCC's Surgical Technology program information](#), as well as occupational information via [O*NET](#).

Application Deadline and Notification

The application is available mid-September. The deadline for Fall 2024 is **January 31, 2024**. Admission notifications will be sent by **March 15, 2024**.

How to Apply

- Currently enrolled, matriculated students are required to apply online by submitting a major change request for SG01 (sign-in to myMCC, Student Home or Academic Plan tile, Change Major link).
- New, transfer, returning, and non-matriculated students are required to apply through the Admissions Office by completing an [Admissions Application](#).
- Students must reapply each year if not selected for the upcoming semester or if declining/deferring admission.

Admission Requirements

The following requirements (or equivalent transfer credit) must be completed prior to the application deadline. Science courses must include a lab. High school classes must be at least a one credit course; half credit courses do not meet the required prerequisite. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

- **Math:** Students must be at MCC Mathematics Level 7 or higher (placement based on academic history or the math ACCUPLACER exam); OR have a B- or better in MTH 096; OR a grade of C or better in any of the following: MTH 104, MTH 160, MTH 162, MTH 165 (or higher). Students should consult with an advisor before choosing a math course.
- **Biology:** A grade of C or better in high school biology/living environment or BIO 120, BIO 132 and 133, BIO 142, BIO 144, or BIO 155
- **Chemistry:** A grade of C or better in high school chemistry or CHE 100, CHE 124, CHE 145, or CHE 151
- **ENG 101 placement** (students are not required to have the course complete, but must be ready to take it)
- **2.0 cumulative GPA required**
 - Please note: cumulative GPA is calculated using all credit bearing coursework from other colleges; students who have previously attended MCC must have a 2.0 or higher at MCC, even if they meet the GPA requirement through credits at another institution.
- New York State resident or, if international, must have resided in NYS for at least one year
- All official transcripts, including high school, AP, IB, CLEP, dual credit, or other institutions, must be on file with the Admissions Office by the application deadline.

Please note: Due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 school year, interpretation of the high school prerequisite may vary based on the school district's grading policy if a numeric grade is not posted on the high school transcript. For example, in the event that the school district posted "Pass with Distinction/Pass/Fail" grades, only "Pass with Distinction" will be acceptable unless additional documentation from the school district is provided. Please speak to a staff member in Admissions or Advisement to determine prerequisite eligibility.

Selection Criteria

When the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats in the Surgical Technology program, selection is based on the calculation of **quality points** earned in the following courses (or equivalent transfer credit). **All quality point courses must be completed with a C or better.** Students are then ranked from highest to lowest number of quality points and admission is granted to the students with the most points. See the quality point chart at the end of this document.

Quality Point Classes

- BIO 144 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I* (4 credits)
- BIO 145 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II* (4 credits)
- BIO 202 – Microbiology (4 credits)
- ENG 101 – College Composition (3 credits) or ENG 200 – Advanced Composition (3 credits)
- MTH 160 – Statistics (3 credits) or MTH 165 – College Algebra (3 credits) or higher (4 credit courses, such as MTH 175 or 210)
Note: If multiple math courses have been taken, the course with the highest point value will be counted.
- SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

Please note the following regarding BIO coursework:

- BIO 144, BIO 145, and BIO 202 must be no more than seven (7) years old when the applicant is accepted for admission.
- Quality points for BIO 144 & 145 will be increased by 25%.
- There is a repeat policy for Anatomy & Physiology; see below.

Additional points will be awarded for the following criteria

- Honorably Discharged Military Veterans or Current Service Members will be awarded one (1) additional quality point

Anatomy and Physiology Repeat Policy

- No more than one unsuccessful attempt in any Anatomy & Physiology coursework (BIO 144 and 145 or equivalent courses) is permitted within the past seven years. Students with two or more unsuccessful attempts in any combination of the Anatomy & Physiology coursework within the past seven years are ineligible for MCC's nursing program. For example, a student with two unsuccessful attempts in BIO 144 would be ineligible, as would a student with one unsuccessful attempt in BIO 144 and one in BIO 145.
- Unsuccessful attempts are defined as withdrawals (W), grades of C- or below, or Unsatisfactory (U).
- Unsuccessful attempts at other institutions are included in this policy.
- Due to COVID-19, unsuccessful attempts in BIO 144 and 145 at MCC or another institution during Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020 will NOT be counted.

Admission Profile (Fall 2023 admitted class)

- All applicants who met the minimum admission requirements were admitted.
- The Surgical Technology program can accommodate up to 25 students.

Additional Notes Regarding Admission

- Admission is conditional upon completion of medical requirements, clearance of existing health problem(s), and ability to meet essential functions (physical and mental demands) of the program.
- COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster will be required of all students entering Surgical Technology per the NYS COVID Vaccine Mandate for any student who participates in a clinical rotation. No exemptions are permitted for visiting students and faculty per our clinical partners.
- If admitted to the program, the student's class schedule will be assigned by the Surgical Technology Program Director. Students must be available to take classes during the day and have reliable transportation to clinical sites during the second year of the program.
- Students who have previously been matriculated in the Surgical Technology program at MCC or another institution should refer to the re-admission policy as described in the [Surgical Technology program description](#).
- Grading system notes:
 - MCC grades of Satisfactory (S) equate to a C; Pass (P) equates to a D-; and Unsatisfactory (U) equates to an F.
 - Transfer credits earned at institutions who use a S/U or P/F grading system where a S or P equates to a C or higher will receive quality points equivalent to a C.
 - AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 equate to C, B, or A respectively.
- The Monroe Community College Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (<https://arcstsa.org/>)

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Quality Points for 4 credit classes:

BIO 144, BIO 145, BIO 202, and 4 credit math classes (if applicable)

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value	Points increased by 25% for BIO 144 and 145
A	4.0	16.0	20.0
A-	3.7	14.8	18.5
B+	3.3	13.2	16.5
B	3.0	12.0	15.0
B-	2.7	10.8	13.5
C+	2.3	9.2	11.5
C	2.0	8.0	10.0

Quality Points for 3 credit classes:

ENG 101/200, MTH 160/165, and SOC 101

Grade	Value of Grade	Quality Point Value
A	4.0	12.0
A-	3.7	11.1
B+	3.3	9.9
B	3.0	9.0
B-	2.7	8.1
C+	2.3	6.9
C	2.0	6.0

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