

New York State Department of Civil Service
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

Occ. Code 5508100

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 1, Grade 9 5508100
Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 2, Grade 12 5508200

Brief Description of Class Series

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologists act as a scrubbed or sterile member of the surgical team who provide instruments and equipment to the surgeon during operations. Incumbents identify and plan the proper instrumentation and implementation for operative procedures; ensure proper sterile and aseptic techniques within the surgical environment; and assist the surgical team by setting up and passing sterile instruments and equipment.

Positions are non-competitive and are located in the State University of New York (SUNY) Teaching and Research Center Hospitals.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 1: non-competitive; entry level; serves as a sterile member of the surgical team in the operating room.

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 2: non-competitive; full performance level; assists in the more difficult surgical procedures; and may supervise and train Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologists 1.

Related Classes

Teaching Hospital Sterile Supply Technicians perform tasks related to cleaning and decontamination, sterilization, pasteurization, maintenance, repair, storage, inventory, and delivery of instrumentation, medical supplies and equipment to an operating room, clinic and other areas of the hospital as needed. Incumbents utilize proper sterilization procedures. These positions exist in the State University of New York (SUNY) Teaching and Research Center Hospitals.

Illustrative Duties

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 1

Under the direction of a Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 2, or a Registered Nurse:

Assists the Registered Nurse and surgeon in identifying, gathering, and preparing medical instrumentation and specialty equipment for surgical procedures.

- Assists surgical team with the setting up and passing of sterile instruments during surgical procedures.
- Ensures the proper handling of instruments, sponges, sutures, implants, surgical supplies, and specimens in a manner that ensures asepsis and patient safety.
- Prepares the sterile field and assists in preparing the operative site and draping the patient.
- Transports patients to and from operating room and performs preoperative shave preps.

Assists in the preparation and aftercare of equipment and supplies.

- Cleans unsanitary instruments, checks for defective items, and assembles instruments correctly in a container or tray, and wraps and labels instruments appropriately.
- Tests the operation and efficiency of equipment and reports problems to the Registered Nurse.
- Collects and transports required operative set-up to surgical room.
- Assists in cleaning and restocking rooms according to established standards.
- Assists in taking inventory of equipment and supplies for specialty areas.

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 2

May perform all of the same duties as a Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 1.

Assists in the more difficult surgical procedures.

Coordinates and delegates assignments to subordinate staff and provides advanced training to Surgical Technologist students and new Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologists 1.

Instructs Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologists 1 in the steps of surgical procedure and use of surgical instruments and equipment.

Identifies and reports patient care needs to the Registered Nurse.

Participates in quality assurance and quality improvement programs.

Minimum Qualifications

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 1

Successful completion of a nationally accredited surgical technologist education program and current surgical technologist certification by a nationally accredited surgical technologist credentialing organization. Applicants may be employed during the 12-month period immediately following the completion of a nationally accredited surgical technologist education program while pending the receipt of certification by a nationally accredited surgical technologist credentialing organization.

OR

Completion of an appropriate training program in surgical technology in the United States Armed Forces or United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

OR

Possession of a license and current registration as a Licensed Practical Nurse in New York State.

Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 2

Successful completion of a nationally accredited surgical technologist education program and current surgical technologist certification by a nationally accredited surgical technologist credentialing organization AND either one year of permanent service as a Teaching Hospital Surgical Technologist 1 or one year of experience as a surgical technologist in an acute care setting.

OR

Completion of an appropriate training program in surgical technology in the United States Armed Forces or United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps AND one year of experience as a surgical technologist in an acute care setting.

OR

Possession of a license and current registration as a Licensed Practical Nurse in New York State AND one year of experience as a surgical technologist in an acute care setting.

Substitution: Applicants who do not hold a current surgical technologist certification may be considered if they possess one year of surgical technologist experience in an acute care setting between January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2015.

Note: Classification Standards illustrate the nature, extent and scope of the duties and responsibilities of the class they describe. Standards cannot and do not include all of the work that might be appropriately performed by a class. The minimum qualifications above are those which were required for appointment at the time the Classification Standard was written. Please contact the Division of Staffing Services for current information on minimum qualifications for appointment or examination.

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