

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION – OFFICE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

INFORMATION TICKET

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Process	Action Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Appropriate Personnel
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probe Notice	Submit Vote by: 8/18/2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Feedback	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Faculty and Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

PAS Group Title/PAS Code: Surgical Technology/1060

Program Standard Title/Major Code(s) and/or Course Standard Title/Course Code(s):	
Health Care Assistant/HA21	Introduction to Surgical Technology/SURG 1010
Health Care Science/HS21	Principles of Surgical Technology/SURG 1020
Surgical Technology/ST12	Surgical Microbiology/SURG 1080
Surgical Technology/ST13	Surgical Pharmacology/SURG 1100
	Surgical Procedures I/SURG 2030
	Surgical Procedures II/SURG 2040
	Surgical Technology Clinical I/SURG 2110
	Surgical Technology Clinical II/SURG 2120
	Surgical Technology Clinical II/SURG 2130
	Surgical Technology Clinical IV/SURG 2140
	Seminar in Surgical Technology/SURG 2240

TICKET INFORMATION:

The Surgical Technology IFCC met on February 24th, 2023, to review, discuss and vote on the proposed revisions presented by the IFCC Executive Board. The IFCC Executive Board revised the program and course standards to ensure proper alignment with the updated Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) curriculum standards of the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology (CCST)-7e. Based on the decisions made by the IFCC, the IFCC voted in agreement with the proposed revisions presented. A 2023 version of the SURG courses and the Surgical Technology program were created.

In summary, the SURG 1080: Surgical Microbiology course was removed from the program standards, and the two (2) credit hours were redistributed to other SURG courses. The SURG 1020: Principles of Surgical Technology course increased from 7 to 9 credit hours. In addition to the credit hours changes to the SURG courses, there were modifications to the total contact hours for a few of the courses and the competencies & learning outcomes. The modifications to the competencies & learning outcomes were to ensure alignment with the updated accreditation standards.

For full details of the programs and course standard modifications, please refer to Appendix A and Appendix B. In summary, the ST12: Surgical Technology diploma program remained at 57 credit hours, and the contact hours increased from 1380 hours to 1560 hours. Per the accreditation agency requirements, all Surgical Technology programs must have transitioned into degree-awarding programs by August 1, 2022. According to KMS reports, there are three (3) colleges that have the ST12: Surgical Technology program on their program-approved list.

Of those three (3) colleges, one college has completed the termination request with a term end date of Fall 2024. The other two colleges have decided to keep the program running concurrently with the degree program for competitive admission or financial-aid purposes. The ST13: Surgical Technology degree program remained at 70 credit hours, and the contact hours increased from 1665 hours to 1845 hours.

The SURG 1010, SURG 1020 courses are embedded in other programs and the newly created 2023 course version of the SURG 1010 & SURG 1020 courses will be uploaded within each program. Please review the detailed list below of all the programs and the hourly modification for more details.

In closing, based on deadlines set by the accreditation agency, colleges have until August 2024 to implement revisions outlined within the PROBE. PROBE votes should be submitted no later than **Friday, August 18th**.

Programs containing SURG 1010: Introduction to Surgical Technology

Major Code	Program Name	Version	Standard/Institution	Program Hourly Impact
HA21	Health Care Assistant	201003	Standard	No credit/contact hour impact due to students choosing a program specialization.
HS21	Health Care Science	201512	Standard	No credit/contact hour impact due to students choosing a program specialization.
ST12	Surgical Technology	202312	Standards	Credit hours remained at 57hrs. Contact hours increased from 1380hrs to 1560hrs
ST13	Surgical Technology	202312	Standard	Credit hours remained at 70hrs. Contact hours increased from 1665hrs to 1845hrs.

Programs containing SURG 1020: Principles of Surgical Technology

Major Code	Program Name	Version	Standard/Institution	Program Hourly Impact
HA21	Health Care Assistant	201003	Standard	No credit/contact hour impact due to students choosing a program specialization.
HS21	Health Care Science	201512	Standard	No credit/contact hour impact due to students choosing a program specialization.
ST12	Surgical Technology	202312	Standards	Credit hours remained at 57hrs. Contact hours increased from 1380hrs to 1560hrs
ST13	Surgical Technology	202312	Standard	Credit hours remained at 70hrs. Contact hours increased from 1665hrs to 1845hrs.

Programs containing SURG 1080: Surgical Microbiology

Major Code	Program Name	Version	Standard/Institution	Program Hourly Impact
HA21	Health Care Assistant	201003	Standard	No credit/contact hour impact due to students choosing a program specialization.

HS21	Health Care Science	201512	Standard	No credit/contact hour impact due to students choosing a program specialization.
ST12	Surgical Technology	202312	Standards	Credit hours remained at 57hrs. Contact hours increased from 1380hrs to 1560hrs
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