

**Statewide Articulation Agreement Between The Tennessee Community Colleges and The Tennessee
Colleges of Applied Technology For the Period of Fall 2020 through Fall 2023
Program Area: Surgical Technology**

The Tennessee community colleges hereinafter referred to as the "CCs" and the Tennessee colleges of applied technology hereinafter referred to as the "TCATs" have entered into a statewide partnership which promotes student transfer and program articulation. The partnership is for the purpose of providing eligible TCAT students the opportunity to receive college credit upon successful completion of qualified programs of study at TCATs, as identified in APPENDIX A.

OVERVIEW

In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), and the procedures established by the individual CCs, we hereby enter into this Agreement to provide the eligible TCAT students the opportunity to receive college credit upon successful completion of qualified programs of study at TCATs.

The CCs determine awarded credits within a successfully completed program based upon their course specific Student Learning Outcomes.

1. TCATs will indicate on student transcripts the specific coursework and program completed.
2. When evaluating student transcripts, the CC will award credit based on courses identified in APPENDIX A.
3. CCs will evaluate transcripts on a course-by-course basis within the completed TCAT program.
4. Graduates of programs other than the granting CC's program who wish to pursue an A.A.S in Surgical Technology must meet the criteria outlined in "APPENDIX B."
5. Students must meet the standards and follow the procedures of the receiving program and of the individual CC catalog for the year they enrolled in the articulated course/program or follow the current year CC catalog and program policies and procedures.
6. The awarding of any nontraditional credit (e.g. CLEP, AP credit-by-exam, military services, etc.) may be granted for coursework not identified in "APPENDIX A."
7. Upon an institution's request this agreement will be reviewed.
8. This agreement will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the duly authorized signatories.
9. The CCs and the TCATs shall:
 - a. Designate a responsible party to provide oversight of details and disseminate general program information to students.
 - b. Determine the course(s) to award credit based upon the recommendation of content specialists.
 - c. Agree to review every three years the courses and Student Learning Outcomes for which college credit will be awarded.
 - d. Appoint representatives to serve on an advisory committee at the request of TBR to provide perspective to the program regarding the effective coordination between the individual CC(s) and TCAT(s). The advisory committee shall consist of representatives from both the CC(s) and the TCAT(s). The advisory committee shall converse and report annually to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
10. This agreement will commence the semester following the signing thereof.

**Statewide Articulation Agreement Between
The Tennessee Community Colleges and The
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology
For the Period of Fall 2020 through Fall2023
Program Area: Surgical Technology**

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS:

DocuSigned by:
Allana Hamilton 2020-05-26 | 1:19 PM CDT
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Allana Hamilton Date

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CHATTANOOGA:

DocuSigned by:
James Barrott 2020-05-26 | 1:47 PM CDT
President, James Barrott Date

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CROSSVILLE:

DocuSigned by:
Cliff Wightman 2020-05-28 | 5:53 AM PDT
President, Cliff Wightman Date

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY HOHENWALD:

DocuSigned by:
Kelli Kea-Carroll 2020-06-09 | 6:13 AM PDT
President, Kelli Kea-Carroll Date

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY JACKSON:

DocuSigned by:
Jeff Sisk 2020-06-09 | 8:35 AM CDT
President, Jeff Sisk Date

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY KNOXVILLE:

DocuSigned by:
Kelli Chaney 2020-06-09 | 6:57 AM PDT
President, Kelli Chaney Date

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY MURFREESBORO:

DocuSigned by:
Carol G. Puryear 2020-06-09 | 7:02 AM PDT
President, Carol Puryear Date

**Statewide Articulation Agreement Between
The Tennessee Community Colleges and The
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology
For the Period of Fall 2020 through Fall2023
Program Area: Surgical Technology**

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

DocuSigned by:



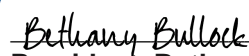
2020-06-09 | 7:07 AM PDT

President, Shanna Jackson

Date

NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

DocuSigned by:



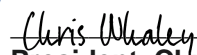
2020-06-09 | 10:02 AM CDT

President, Bethany Bullock

Date

ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

DocuSigned by:



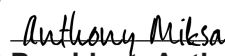
2020-06-18 | 8:52 AM CDT

President, Chris Whaley

Date

WALTERS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

DocuSigned by:



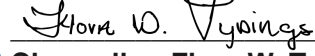
2020-06-18 | 1:09 PM EDT

President, Anthony Miksa

Date

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS:

DocuSigned by:



2020-06-18 | 12:24 PM CDT

Chancellor, Flora W. Tydings

Date

**Statewide Articulation Agreement Between
The Tennessee Community Colleges and The
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology
For the Period of Fall 2020 through Fall2023
Program Area: Surgical Technology**

APPENDIX A

Awarding of College Credit to Surgical Technology graduates of
Tennessee Colleges of Technology into the A.A.S. Surgical
Technology Program

Course Title	Credit Hours	
BIOL 1000 – Medical Terminology	3	**up to 3 credit hours available to earn
SURG 1304 – Basic Anatomy/Physiology	3	**up to 3 credit hours available to earn
SURG 1102 – Orient. to Surgical	1	*
SURG 1305 – Surgical Pharmacology	3	*
SURG 1410 – Surg. Tech. & Patient Care	4	*
SURG 2310 – Surg. Microbiology &	3	*
SURG 2420 – Surgical Patient Care II	4	*
SURG 2321 – Surgical Procedures I	3	*
SURG 2330 – Surgical Procedures II	3	**up to 3 credit hours available to earn
SURG 2103 – Clinical Practicum I	1	**up to 6 credit hours available to earn
SURG 2201 – Clinical Practicum II	2	
SURG 2302 – Clinical Practicum III	3	
Total credit hours available to earn	33	

* Students earn credit hours as they enter the program with the following being true:

- Proof of graduation from an ARCSTSA/CAAHEP accredited program in Surgical Technology in good standing at the time of graduation
- Proof of current certification from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)

** students can earn credit hours based upon faculty approval

**Statewide Articulation Agreement Between
The Tennessee Community Colleges and The
Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology
For the Period of Fall 2020 through Fall2023
Program Area: Surgical Technology**

APPENDIX B

Additional Recommendations for Faculty Consideration*
(For Use with Students Having Prior Work Experience)

Background

This appendix is for students articulating credit from:

- 1) A program within an institution other than a Tennessee College of Applied Technology

Education and Certification

- Proof of graduation from an ARCSTSA/CAAHEP accredited program in Surgical Technology in good standing at the time of graduation
- Proof of current certification from an agency validated through NCCA, and/or ANSI (for example, the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA))
- No credit granted without proof of graduation and proof of current certification

Documentation of three years continuous and current employment (in the scrub role) in the past five years

- Institution determines appropriate minimum documentation in consultation with Advisory Committee
- Documentation requirement must include but not limited to:
 - Employment status (full-time/part-time/PRN, etc.)
 - Facility type (outpatient/inpatient/etc.)
 - Role definition (routine duties in role)

Three current professional references

- Must include current supervisor and supervisor at each facility documented above
- Must be dated within 60 days of application to receiving institution

Institution in consultation with Advisory Committee defines procedure to evaluate above

- Must address validity of documentation
- Must address what portion of Major Field Core is granted by receiving institution

If above are met, student enrolls in A.A.S. in Surgical Technology with advanced standing

- Institution grants course credit based on evaluation above
- Must complete Special Topics in Surgical Technology as graduation requirement in addition to meeting institutional graduation requirements

* Admission policies differ by institution and
Faculty from degree granting institution may decide on other requirements than listed above