

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** **SUR 254**      **Credits:** **2**

**Course Title:** **Professional Issues in Surgical Technology**

**Course Description:**

Provides job seeking skills and an overview of theoretical knowledge in preparation for national certification. Includes test taking strategies, career options, resume preparation, interviewing techniques, professional credentialing, and organizations and professionalism as it relates to surgical technology. Lecture 2 hours. Total 2 hours per week. 2 credits

**General Course Purpose:**

The purpose of this course is to develop efficacy as a surgical technology professional. This course introduces students to the professional credentialing, career options and continuing education. The Surgical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist in the delivery of surgical patient care. Upon graduation, students will have the necessary cognitive, psychomotor, and professional knowledge to be successful. Graduates are eligible to take the National Surgical Technology Certificate Exam

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Admission to the Surgical Technology Program or instructor approval

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Prepare for national certification testing
- Discover and research career options
- Practice interviewing techniques and resume building
- Review benefits of membership in professional organizations
- Read and discuss current issues in the profession.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- National certification testing; expectations
- Career exploration in various settings
- Techniques for interviewing
- Professional organizations and membership benefits
- Current issues in the profession

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