

Columbia Basin College ~ Surgical Technology program

Surgical Rotation ~ Clinical

Surgical Rotation Case Requirements

Surgical Specialty	Total # of Cases Required	Minimum # of First Scrub Cases Required	Maximum # of Second Scrub Cases that can be Applied towards 120 Cases Required
General Surgery	30	20	10
Surgical Specialties	90	60	30
Totals	120	80	40

1) First and Second Scrub Role and Observation Descriptions

a) First Scrub Role

The student surgical technologist shall perform the following duties during any given surgical procedure with proficiency. A student not meeting the five criteria below cannot count the case in the first scrub role and the case must be documented in the second scrub role or observation role.

- i) Verifying supplies and equipment needed for the surgical procedure.
- ii) Set up the sterile field with instruments, supplies, equipment, medication(s) and solutions needed for the procedure.
- iii) Perform counts with the circulator prior to the procedure and before the incision is closed.
- iv) Pass instruments and supplies to the sterile surgical team members during the procedure.
- v) Maintain sterile technique as measured by recognized breaks in technique and demonstrate knowledge of how to correct with appropriate technique.

b) Second Scrub Role

The student surgical technologist who is at the sterile field and has not met all criteria for the first scrub role, but actively participates in the surgical procedure in its entirety by completing any of the following;

- i) Sponging
- ii) Suctioning
- iii) Cutting suture
- iv) Holding retractors
- v) Manipulating endoscopic camera

c) Observation Role

The student surgical technologist who is in the operating room performing roles that do not meet the criteria for the first or second scrub role are observers. These observation cases are not to be included in the minimum total case count, but must be documented by the program.