

Riverside College of Health Careers
Surgical Technology Program

SURGICAL CASE REQUIREMENTS

The following cases are required for program completion.

Surgical Specialty	Total # of Cases Required	Minimum # of First Scrub Cases Required	Maximum # of Second Scrub Cases That Can Be Applied Towards 150 Cases
General Surgery	50	30	20
Surgical Specialties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac/Thoracic • ENT • Eye • CV • Neuro • OB-GYN • Oral/Maxillofacial • Orthopedics • Peripheral Vascular • Plastic/Reconstructive • Procurement/Transplantation 	100	60	40
Diagnostic Endoscopy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronchoscopy • Colonoscopy • Cystoscopy • EGD ERCP • Esophagoscopy • Laryngoscopy • Panendoscopy • Sinuscopy • Ureteroscopy 			10 diagnostic endoscopy cases may be applied towards the second scrub cases
Labor & Delivery			5 vaginal deliveries may be applied towards the second scrub cases
Totals	150	90	60

****These case requirements exceed the Standards set forth by CAAHEP. Students will be required to meet the CAAHEP minimums in addition to extra cases that the RCHC Surgical Technology Program requires. Descriptions of clinical requirement numbers will be given to students at the beginning of each term and proper documentation must be submitted by the student to show proof of case number completion.***

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150 Total Cases

- **30 General First Scrub Cases**
- **60 Specialty First Scrub Cases**
 - **10 first scrubs evenly distributed in six of the above listed specialties**
- **60 Additional First or Second Scrub cases**
 - **40 additional scrubs in six of the above listed specialties**
 - **20 additional scrubs in General cases**

DEFINITIONS OF CLINICAL ROLES

FIRST SCRUB ROLE

The student surgical technologist shall perform the following duties during any given surgical procedure with proficiency. The following list is provided to identify the items that must be completed in order to document a case in the first scrub role. 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.

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

SECOND SCRUB ROLE

The second scrub role is defined as the student who is at the sterile field who 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:

- Sponging
- Suctioning
- Cutting suture
- Holding retractors
- Manipulating endoscopic camera

OBSERVATION ROLE

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