

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: CONTINENTAL

Classification: CERTIFIED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST (CST)

Applicant Name:

Certified Surgical Technologist:

The Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

Definition of Care or Service:

The Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) works under the direct supervision of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures, ensuring that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. Scope of service may include:

- Experienced in all aspects as aseptic technique, setting up the required equipment and sterile supplies as needed for their assigned cases
- Knowledgeable regarding instrumentation, equipment, and supply needs for all types of surgical procedures
- Demonstrate understanding of proper medication management and storage as well as maintaining a secure medication environment
- Provides education on procedures, instrumentation, and equipment as needed
- Helping prepare the surgeon for surgery with gloves and gowns
- Keeping up with sponges and other materials before, during and after surgery
- Applying dressings after surgeon has completed his work
- Cleaning and restocking the surgical room
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

Setting(s):

Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospital operating room, labor and delivery, cath lab, radiology.

Supervision:

- Direct supervision by surgeon
 - o Indirect supervision by surgery department director, site manager or designee

Evaluator: Surgeon / supervising physician in conjunction with surgery department director or designee

Tier Level: 3

eSAF Access Required: YES

Qualifications:

- High School diploma/GED or higher
- Completion of training from one of the below:
 - Surgical Technician training program
 - o US military-trained



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- Certified as Surgical Technologist required. (Required for certain states, see state requirements)
- Registered through the Division of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) as a Surgical Technologist (Required for certain states, see state requirements)
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: ALL EDUCATION and TRAINING MUST BE VERIFIED BY A THIRD PARTY FOR THE U.S. AND OUTSIDE THE U.S. NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

State Requirements:

- Must be currently registered with the State of Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies-DORA (Effective 4/1/2011) when working in Colorado
- Must be Certified as a CST when working in Kansas

Experience:

N/A

Preferred Experience:

• One year of operating room experience is preferred.

Competencies:

The Certified Surgical Technologist will demonstrate:

- Provides a safe environment for patients
 - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
 - o Labels containers used for blood and specimens in the presence of the patient
 - Labels all medications and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and procedural settings
 - o Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
 - o Participates in a time-out immediately before starting an invasive procedure or making the incision
 - Participates in appropriate surgical counts with the circulator prior to the operation and before incision is closed as per hospital policy
- Basic aseptic technique
 - o Applies sterile attire including scrubbing, gowning and gloving
 - Uses sterile technique for scrubbing, gowning and gloving of other personnel
 - Organizes sterile drapes
 - o Receives sterile equipment via circulating nurse using sterile technique
 - Assists with patient dressing application
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
 - Coordinates case preparation
 - o Transfers sterile instruments to surgeon accurately
 - Anticipates surgeon needs
 - o Assists with care of instruments at end of case
 - Demonstrates working knowledge of anatomy and physiology
- Infection Prevention
 - o Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - o Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions



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References:CST Definition

http://www.ast.org/uploadedFiles/Main_Site/Content/About_Us/CertifiedSurgicalTechnologistDefinition.pdf

DORA: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Surgical Assistant Technologist

NBSTSA: https://www.nbstsa.org/verify-credentials

NCCT: https://www.ncctinc.com/certifications/verify-certification

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