

Surgical Technician

INTRODUCTION

Each ladder illustrates a family of related occupations. Some ladders allow for advancement through experience and on-the-job training, while others require formal licensing, education, or certification. Wages reflect approximate hourly wage rates in Northwest Indiana.

Please click on occupation desired below



5 Year Experience

Education/Skills: Associate in Arts Degree, Bachelor's Degree, elevated math, language and interpersonal skills, licensing exam

Registered Nurse Min/Avg \$19.00/\$24.18
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3 Years Experience

Education/Skills: Vocational training, Associate in Arts Degree, licensing exam, interpersonal and language skills

Emergency Medical Technician Min/Avg \$9.55/\$12.15

Surgical Technician Min/Avg \$12.00/\$14.50

Licensed Practical Nurse Min/Avg \$12.24/\$14.12
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Entry Level

Education/Skills: 3-6 month training, interpersonal, reading and language skills

Medical Assistant Min/Avg \$9.07/\$10.18
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Home Health Aides Min/Avg \$7.32/\$8.90

Nurse Aides Min/Avg \$7.47/\$8.62

Basic Skills: Surgical Technician

Job specific skills:

- Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times
- Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions
- Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents
- Using mathematics to solve problems
- Using scientific rules and methods to solve problems
- Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making

Verbal communication skills:

- Public contact skills
- Listening skills
- Oral Comprehension

Written communication skills:

- Ability to read labels and instructions
- Write effectively and legibly
- Read and follow instructions
- Reading comprehension
- Inductive reasoning

Problem solving skills:

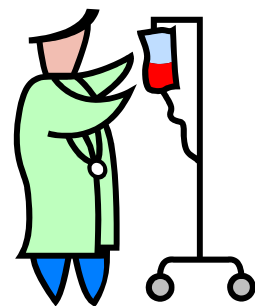
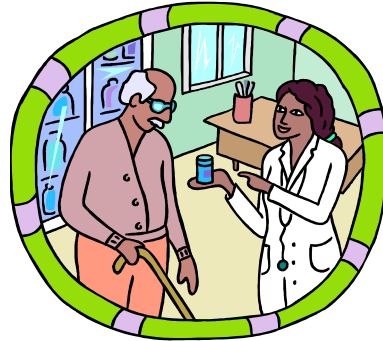
- Judgment and decision making
- Critical thinking
- Active listening

Adapt to social environment:

- Work independently
- Deal effectively with difficult individuals
- Understanding of a variety of cultures

Adapt to work/job environment:

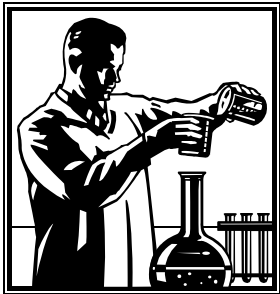
- Ability to handle crisis situations
- Work under pressure
- Bilingual helpful



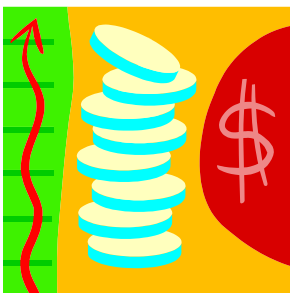
Job Description



Education



Wages, Hours and Fringe Benefits



Job Description:

- Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel.
- May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

Where to get training locally:

Can obtain a Technical Certification or an Associates Degree.

Training located at:

Purdue Calumet
2200 – 169th St.
Hammond, IN 46323
www.calumet.purdue.edu

Ancilla College
PO Box 1
Donaldson, IN 46513
www.ancilla.edu

Purdue North Central
1401 S. Hwy 421
Westville, IN 46391
www.purdueenc.edu

Olympia College
707 E. 80th Pl.
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.olympia-college.com

Purdue University West Lafayette
Lafayette, IN 47907
www.nursing.purdue.edu

Indiana University
3400 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408
www.iun.edu

Ivy Tech State College
3714 Franklin St.
Michigan City, IN 46360
www.ivy.tec.edu

Indiana University South Bend
1700 Mishawaka
South Bend, IN 46634
www.iusb.edu

Lake Michigan College
2755 East Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
www.lakemichigancollege.edu

Indiana University
Bloomington, IN
www.nursing.IU.edu

Entry Level Wage: \$12.00

Average Wage: \$14.50

Hours: The workweek for a Surgical Technician is usually 40 hour per week. Some employers hire applicants part-time.

Benefits: Paid vacations, holidays, health and other types of insurance and retirement plans.

Finding the Job



Advancement



Employment Outlook



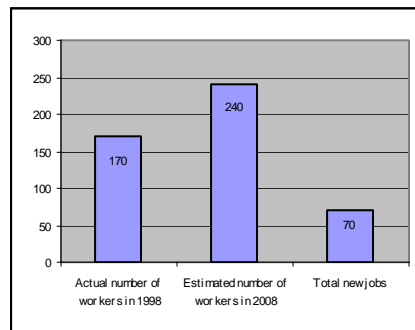
Where to start your job search:

- Physicians' offices
- Medical clinics
- College placement centers
- Hospitals and health care facilities
- Public and private employment agencies
- WorkOne Centers and expresses

Advance:

Promotions for Surgical Technician are usually limited to raises and more responsible duties. Some may be promoted in larger clinics or hospitals.

Projected Job Growth



Actual number of workers in 1998	170
Estimated number of workers in 2008	240
Total new jobs	70

Projected Growth: 41.2%

Labor Market Information – Department of Workforce Development

Surgical Technician is one of the fastest growing occupations in the state. The growth is expected to continue through 2008.