

Committee members were asked to submit questions in advance of the December 22 meeting. I'm not sure which group these questions need to be directed to, and maybe all of the groups could respond:

Is there typically a pay grade differential for certified compared to uncertified surgical technologists? If a surgical technologist is uncertified and becomes certified, do they automatically get a pay raise?

Do employers typically pay all or part of the training and/or examination cost for an uncertified surgical technologist if they want to become certified?

What would the total cost of education at both Lincoln and Omaha be for a student? (Tuition, fees, books, lab fees, required clothing or supplies. not including living, transportation expenses)

How much, if any, of the two educational courses can be done online?

What is the cost for taking the exam? (i think the applicant group may have already provided that information, but I don't recall).

Do you have to be a member of the state or national organizations, or both, in order to take the exam?

For DHHS staff: Currently, if there was a complaint filed with DHHS by a patient/member of the public (as with licensed professions) regarding a certified or uncertified surgical technologist, to what professional board would the complaint be directed?

I assume that surgical technologists do not carry malpractice insurance of their own, but any malpractice action would be taken against the supervising licensed professional. In the event of a malpractice case regarding a surgical technologist, against which professional or entity would the action be filed?

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