

Request #1 from committee member Gaden:

- 1) I would like copies provided to the committee (on site is fine) on the course of study that would be required if licensure is approved. Thanks.

Provided to the committee in electronic format was the 6th Edition of the Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology which is required to be taught in all accredited surgical technology programs. Also included an electronic copy of the revised case experience requirements that were released on October 29, 2014 and were required to be implemented by all CAAHEP accredited programs immediately. You also received an electronic copy of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP) Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Surgical Technology that was last revised in 2013 along with the Standards Interpretive Guide as well as the 17th Edition of the Accreditation Manual for the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). Surgical technology programs can be accredited through CAAHEP, ABHES or both accrediting bodies that require achievement of the standards set forth by the accrediting institution. There are currently 441 CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) accredited surgical technology programs nationally and 60 ABHES (Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools) accredited programs nationally for a total of 501 accredited surgical technology programs that produce graduates who sit for the national surgical technologist certifying exam prior to graduation. Administration of the national surgical technologist certifying exam as a program outcome indicator has been required of accredited surgical technology programs since 2010.

You have in front of you a copy of the self-advising sheet that students who enroll in the surgical technology program utilize to apply to the program. Students can apply to the program when they are enrolled in completing their last quarter of pre-requisite courses. The courses that are required as pre-requisites are listed on the front side of the sheet. The program courses are listed on the back side. Students graduate with an associate of applied science degree upon completion of the program.