



PARKLAND COLLEGE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND HEALTH FORM

Students matriculating in and graduating from the Parkland College Surgical Technology program must be able to meet the Essential Qualifications of the program and must not pose a threat to the well-being of patients, other students, staff, or themselves. As an incoming Surgical Technology student you will need, at a minimum, the following types of skills and abilities and will need to maintain and demonstrate these abilities throughout the program.

Students are encouraged to discuss their specific academic needs with the course instructor/program director prior to beginning a course of study. Consultation between Accessibility Services, the student and the program director are encouraged in order to address concerns.

- Learn and perform quickly without repetition of instructions.
- Develop and improve skills in the organization of work and in assisting the surgeon by learning to use economy in time and motion.
- Access needed information effectively and efficiently, evaluate information and its sources critically, use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose, understand the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and access and use information ethically.
- Professional attitudes including but not limited to: excellence, accountability, excellence, initiative, responsibility, service, honor, honesty, integrity, respect for others, compassion.
- Full range of motion of body joints.
- Execute controlled motor movements to provide direct care and emergency treatment to patients, e.g. transferring, lifting, turning patients and providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- Stand unassisted for eight (8) continuous hours.
- Carry/lift instrument trays and patients weighing up to 50 pounds on a daily basis.
- Maintain adequate skin integrity, without the presence of open, weeping lesions.
- Demonstrate fine motor skills and visual acuity
- Demonstrate auditory acuity (with correction, if needed) that includes accurately understanding muffled voices (through the mask) with extraneous background noise
- Utilize the English language to communicate effectively in a rational, coherent manner, both orally, and in writing, with individuals of all professions and social levels.
- Recognize that the work environment will include exposure to diseases, blood and body fluids, and toxic substances (sterilants, x-rays, fumes, latex).
- Adapt effectively to changing environments.
- Maintain composure when subjected to high stress levels.
- Maintain consistent mental alertness for a period of up to eight (8) continuous hours.
- Respond in an emotionally controlled manner in learning situations, especially those with high tension levels.
- Maintain punctuality, positive work attitude and respect for others, professionalism and the ability to interact with persons of diverse backgrounds.
- Practice with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and uniqueness of every individual, without regard to social or economic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems.
- No disqualifying conditions as listed on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Disqualifying Condition list.
- No positive drug screen or clearance by a Medical Review Officer.

For a full list of the essential qualifications please visit our website at:

<https://www.parkland.edu/Portals/3/Health%20Professions/Documents/SUR/SUR%20TAS.pdf?ver=2017-10-19-150402-963×tamp=1510773925597>

If you have any concerns regarding these standards, please email healthrecord@parkland.edu.

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Parkland Community College
Department of Health Professions
Physical Exam *(to be completed by a qualified health care provider)*

The student named below is entering a Health Profession program and must be able to meet the **Essential Qualifications** as listed on page 1 of this form.

Name _____ Gender: M F DOB: ___/___/___

Height _____ Weight _____ BP _____ Pulse _____

	Normal	Abnormal	<i>IF abnormal</i> , will it affect the student's ability to meet the Essential Qualifications listed?
Appearance			
Head/neck			
Skin			
Ears			
Hearing			
Eyes			
Vision			
Nose			
Mouth/Teeth/ Throat			
Respiratory			
Cardiovascular			
Gastrointestinal			
Genitourinary			
Musculoskeletal			
Endocrine			
Neurological			

History of back injury or back problems? Yes No

If yes, will it affect the student's ability to meet the **Essential Qualifications** listed? Yes No

Is the student able to lift 50 pounds? Yes No

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER VERIFYING PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Based upon my exam and knowledge of this student, I believe he/she can perform the **Essential Qualifications** as outlined on page 1 of this form: Yes No If no, please explain:

Name and credentials (print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Telephone _____ Official provider stamp here:

*student: submit copy to [Castle Branch](#) as directed