Surgical Technology Occupational and Technical Standards with Exposure Risks

Professional Behaviors

- Display respect, honesty, and integrity in the classroom, clinical area and/or in any
  representation of the Wilson Community College Surgical Technology Program.
- Develop and maintain professional interpersonal skills with peers and accept constructive criticism.
- Accept responsibility for organizing, prioritizing, and completing assignments established for the curriculum.
- Demonstrate flexibility and ability to perform Surgical Technology tasks in stressful and emergency situations.

Work Conditions and Physical Requirements

- Wear proper attire for clinical as stated in the dress code policy
- Stand for long periods of time without relief (about 5-6 hours)

Physical Endurance: The student must be able to stand continuously for extended periods of time (approximately 5–6 hours) while participating in surgical procedures. "Without relief" refers to the inability to leave the sterile field or operating room until another qualified surgical technologist or appropriate team member assumes responsibility and provides coverage, allowing for breaks, meals, or restroom use. Students must possess the physical stamina necessary to maintain concentration, sterile technique, and safe patient care throughout lengthy procedures when relief personnel may not be immediately available.

- Lift objects/equipment up to 45 pounds and assist with transfer of patients
- Practice good body mechanics in all physical activities
- Report for clinical rotation as early as 6:00 a.m.
- Move quickly and safely to help in emergency situations
- Read medication labels
- Hear normal conversation within a 20-foot range
- Coordinate, assemble, and pass instruments to surgeons in a timely and proficient
  manner
- Flexibility in regard to breaks, lunchtime, and clinical assignments
- Free from communicable diseases (TB, Hepatitis, HIV, etc.)

Exposure Risks

- Exposure to communicable diseases and bodily fluids
- Exposure to unpleasant sights, odors, and materials
- Exposure to radiation, chemicals, disinfectants, and anesthetic agents