

**CHEROKEE NATION W.W. HASTINGS HOSPITAL
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
ACCREDITATION**

Accreditation – (CAAHEP)

The Cherokee Nation W. W. Hastings Hospital Surgical Technology Program is accredited through Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Accreditation exists to establish, maintain and promote appropriate standards of quality for educational programs. These standards are used for the development, evaluation and self-analysis of the surgical technology program. Accreditation in the health-related disciplines also serves a very important public interest. Along with certification, accreditation is a tool intended to help assure a well-prepared and qualified workforce providing health care services. Students who graduate from an accredited program are eligible to take the certification examination.

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NBSTSA

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA), formerly the LCC-ST was established in 1974 as the certifying agency for surgical technologist. NBSTSA is solely responsible for all decisions regarding certification; from determining eligibility to maintaining, denying, granting and renewing the designation. The purpose of NBSTSA is to determine, through examination, if an individual has acquired both theoretical and practical knowledge of surgical technology. In addition, through the acquisition of continuing education credits or by re-examination, CST's are required to stay up to date with changes in the medical field. **CST** is a Certified Surgical Technologist. You must graduate from an accredited school to be eligible to sit for the national certification exam. The CST review is incorporated into the curriculum of the Surgical Technologist career major.

CST Examination

The CST exam will be given within one week prior to graduation. The students will be able to get their results within a week of taking the exam. The program director/instructor will be able to forward the information to the students.

Nation Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting

6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 100

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www.nbtsa.org

AST

AST, (Association of Surgical Technologist), is the only national organization devoted to surgical technologist and surgical technology students. The student is required to become a student member, the cost is included in your tuition and fees. Membership in this organization shows a dedication to professionalism and also offers discounts on several items such as study guides, conferences, state assembly and certification exam. The student will also receive a monthly magazine that contains the latest informative articles regarding the surgical profession. Applications for membership will be handed out.

Association of Surgical Technologist
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1-800-637-7437
www.ast.org

ARC/STSA

Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting
Is an accreditation services body providing national recognition for higher education programs in surgical technology and surgical assisting, in collaboration with the Commission on Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), in order to promote quality surgical patient care through quality education.

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