

# Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure

## Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

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Midwestern Career College's [Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology](#) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. 25400 US Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763. 727-210-2350 [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org))

Completion of the program provides eligibility to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) certification through National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

- ✓ Midwestern Career College (MCC) has determined that the curriculum of MCC's Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification for Certified Surgical Technologists in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin.
- ✓ MCC was unable to determine if completion of MCC's Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification for Certified Surgical Technologists in other 47 states and the U.S. territories.

In addition, passing the Sterile Processing course within the program provides eligibility to sit for the Certified Sterile Processing Tech certification through Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD).

Students can read about certification exam eligibility here: <https://www.cbspd.net/tech/>.

- ✓ Midwestern Career College (MCC) has determined that the curriculum of MCC's Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification for Certified Sterile Processing Technicians in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin.
- ✓ MCC was unable to determine if completion of MCC's Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification for Certified Sterile Processing Technicians in other 47 states and the U.S. territories.

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Please read the overview of the Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin requirements for Certified Surgical Technologists below.

Please be aware that there may be additional professional licensure or certification requirements like professional examinations, continuing education, background checks, years of work experience, fingerprinting requirements, etc. which are not covered by academic program's curriculum. Additional requirements may differ by state. Current and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate licensing or credentialing agency for their location or the state at which they desire to be licensed or certified to seek information and additional guidance.

Midwestern Career College strives to ensure that the information provided on this page is accurate and up to date. However, as professional licensure and certification requirements are subject to change at any time, students are strongly encouraged to regularly check with the certification boards and other credentialing agencies to confirm professional licensure and certification requirements for their program of study.

*The links and information below lead to websites and content created by other public and private organizations. These links are provided for the user's convenience only and are not part of the MCC's Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure.*

## **Illinois Surgical Technologist Laws and Regulations**

### **Certification**

The State of Illinois does not require surgical technologists to be certified in order to work in the state, but professional certification is strongly preferred and often required by the employers.

As stated on <https://www.nbstsa.org/> “...because certification is voluntary, the choice to become certified exhibits pride in the profession, the desire to be recognized for mastery of scientific principles, as well as an ongoing commitment to quality patient care. Certification is a means for upward mobility, a condition for employment, a route to higher pay, and a source of recognition nationwide. Approved candidates who take and pass the CST examination are authorized to use the initials CST as long as they maintain certification currency.”

### **Registration**

Effective December 31, 2013, the State of Illinois prohibits individuals from using the title “Registered Surgical Technologist” unless the individual is registered with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). An individual can only register if he or she is currently certified by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) or has completed a military surgical technology program. Registration is only necessary for individuals who want to use the “Registered Surgical Technologist” title.

- Read the Law: [Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act](#)
- Registration Instructions: [IDFPR Registration Page](#)
- Effective November 27, 2018, in order for a Surgical Technologist (ST) to renew his/her registration (*Registered Surgical Technologist (RST)*) with the Illinois Department of Financial &

Professional Regulation (IDFPR), the ST must show proof that his/her certification is current (*up to date*).

### License

The State of Illinois does not require surgical technologists to have a license in order to work in the state

### **Indiana Surgical Technologist Laws and Regulations**

#### Certification

Effective July 1, 2009, the State of Indiana prohibits individuals from using the title “certified surgical technologist” or using the initials “CST” unless the individual has and maintains the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) credential from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA); or has completed a military surgical technology program, in order to practice in the state.

- Read the Law: [Indiana Surgical Technologist Law](#)
- Vein Harvesting: CSTs cannot [harvest veins in Indiana](#) unless the CST also has and maintains the Certified Surgical First Assistant (CSFA) credential from the NBSTSA.
- Grandfather Exception:
  - The grandfather exception is not to be applied to individuals hired after the effective date of this law.
  - If a surgical technologist is grandfathered under this law, that does not mean they have been given an automatic certification.
  - Healthcare facilities may still require certification as a condition of employment for its surgical technology staff - even if the employee was grandfathered.

#### License/Registration

The State of Indiana does not require surgical technologists either to have a license or to register with the state in order to work in the state.

### **Wisconsin Surgical Technologist Laws and Regulations**

Currently, this state does not have any laws or regulations that require surgical technologists to be licensed, certified, or registered in order to work in the state. However, individual healthcare facilities may require surgical technologists to be certified as a condition of employment. Please contact the facility for more information on its hiring requirements.