

Kirtland Community College

REQUIRED ABILITIES for SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

A student in the Kirtland Community College Surgical Technology Program must have the following abilities with or without accommodation:

- Ability to distinguish shades of colors, perceive depth, and see peripherally with visual acuity sufficient to provide patient care, and evaluation of patient care, including use of patient care equipment
- Free of illegal use of controlled substances or illegal drugs. Drug testing may be required.
- Ability to independently lift 35 pounds and pull 100 pounds
- Ability to hear very soft sound and distinguish/describe different sounds sufficient to monitor patients, communicate, and use equipment for patient care
- Ability to consistently and appropriately communicate therapeutically by listening, verbal, and non-verbal methods
- Ability to stand for up to 6 hours, walk quickly and move in crowded spaces while using hands, and ability to climb 50 stairs
- Ability to utilize gross and fine motor skills and tactile ability sufficient to assess patients, provide patient care, evaluate interventions, and operate equipment in patient care environments
- Ability to generally maintain skin integrity of hands and arms
- Immunity from communicable diseases with vaccine (documentation is required)

Notes:

- Students with **latex allergy or sensitivity** should discuss this with their health care provider, and are required to meet with the Associate Dean for Health Sciences and sign receipt of information.
- ***Felony convictions and certain misdemeanors involving abuse and/or neglect of vulnerable populations will prohibit admission to clinical agencies required for the program. A FBI fingerprinting process is required. Information regarding this process will be provided to you upon acceptance into the program.*** A signed authorization for release of information regarding a criminal background check will be required. This form will be provided to you upon your acceptance into the program.
- The “Required Abilities and Health Care Provider Recommendation of Student” form will be provided to you upon acceptance into the program.

Once the program begins (clinical):

- Hair is to be worn off the collar and conservative styling. Long hair is to be tied up and back off the face, neck/collar. Color must be within normal limits (brown, black, blonde).
- Fingernails are to be kept short and clean (nail polish colorless). No fake fingernails are allowed.
- No visible tattoos.
- No visible body piercings (except in the ear).
- Clean shaven or well-trimmed beard no longer than one inch in length.
- Smoking is not allowed in classroom and clinical facilities. Smoking odor must not be present on clothing, hair, or breath.
- Other regulations and agency restrictions will be discussed at the surgical technology program orientation just prior to beginning the surgical technology program.

******* SAMPLE ONLY *******

Kirtland Community College Surgical Technology Students are required to provide the KCC Health Science Office with written documentation of 2-step tuberculin skin testing and immunity to the below listed diseases in the form of **Immunization Records** or **Lab Results** as listed below:

The following immunization requirements are subject to change.

Summary of Immunization & Tuberculin Skin Testing Requirements are as follows:		
	Hepatitis B:	3 doses of vaccine: Students are advised to obtain anti-HBs serologic testing 1-2 months after dose #3.
	Measles:	2 doses of live virus vaccine after the first birthday or documented serologic evidence of immunity.
	Mumps:	2 doses of live-virus vaccine after the first birthday or documented serologic evidence of immunity.
	Rubella:	1 dose of live-virus vaccine after the first birthday or documented serologic evidence of immunity.
	Varicella:	2 doses of vaccine or documented serologic evidence of immunity.
	Td/Tdap:	After primary vaccination, 1 Td booster dose within the last 10 years. Students younger than 65 years of age should be given a one-time dose of Tdap.
	Influenza:	Students are advised to receive 1 dose annually after October 1st.
	Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST):	<p>Mantoux intradermal two-step skin test within 90 days prior to beginning the program. A two-step Tuberculin Skin Test is one test followed by a second test in 1-4 weeks. If student has documentation of a negative two-step within 1 year, a single Mantoux TST is acceptable thereafter.</p> <p>Students with previous positive Mantoux skin test who are unable to be skin tested will require a chest x-ray within the last year and completion of <u>KCC Tuberculin Symptom Questionnaire</u> by Health Care Provider.</p>

The above requirements are based on Healthcare Worker Vaccination Recommendations from the (ACIP) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, (CDC) Centers for Disease Control. For additional information visit www.vaccineinformation.org and www.cdc.gov/tb

For questions regarding the above immunization requirements, please contact:

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A COPY OF YOUR OFFICIAL IMMUNIZATION RECORD AND/OR REPORT OF LABORATORY EVIDENCE WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM.