

## **Course Description**

### **STS2944 | Surgical Clinical I | 3.00 credits**

This course is the first in a series of three clinical courses. The course will introduce the student to the surgical clinical environment, provide the ability to begin utilizing skills acquired during previous lab courses, and implement the principles of aseptic technique while participating in the role of a surgical technologist.

## **Course Competencies**

**Competency 1:** The student will understand the characteristics of professionalism at the clinical site by:

1. Explaining surgical conscience and ethical behavior in the role of a surgical technologist
2. Demonstrating effective communication skills
3. Discussing and analyzing teamwork as it applies in the operating room

**Competency 2:** The student will understand patient rights and confidentiality by:

1. Explaining the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
2. Describing HIPAA violations
3. Citing reasons for ethics in surgery

**Competency 3:** The student will be able to recognize breaks in sterility by:

1. Identifying sterility contaminations in lab competencies
2. Recognizing potential contaminations in surgical areas
3. Demonstrating the correct protocol of “breaking scrub” when contaminated

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Describe how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans on the environment