



<b>DEGREE</b>	Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S)
<b>CONCENTRATION:</b>	Surgery Technology

Student ID (790):		Credits Required:	Prerequisite Credits: 16
Student Name:			Total Program Credits: 48
Advisor Name:			<b>Total A.A.S. Degree Credits: 64</b>

**FALL SEMESTER (at Bitterroot College)**

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
BIOH 201N/202	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4		Hybrid (must receive a grade of B [3.0] or better)
AHMS 144	Medical Terminology	3		Online *available summer
M121	College Algebra (or higher math)	4		Online & Hybrid Option *available summer
PSYX 100S	Intro to Psychology	3		Online & Hybrid Option
WRIT 101	College Writing	3		Online & Hybrid Option *available summer
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>17</b>		

Students must apply and be accepted into the Surgical Technology program. This is a highly competitive program and requires applicants to complete the Prerequisite courses listed above.

**SPRING SEMESTER (at Missoula College)**

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
BIOH 211N/212	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4		Hybrid (Offered at Bitterroot)
BIOM 250N/251	Microbiology for Health Sciences	4		*Can be taken spring or summer (Offered at Bitterroot)
AHST 101	Introduction to Surgical Technology	3		
AHST 115	Surgical Lab I	2		
AHST 154	Surgical Pharmacology	3		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>16</b>		

**FALL SEMESTER (at Missoula College; Clinical at various locations)**

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
AHST 200	Operating Room Techniques	5		
AHST 201	Surgical Procedures I	4		
AHST 250	Surgical Clinical I	4		
AHMS 270E	Medical Ethics	3		offered all terms
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>16</b>		

**SPRING SEMESTER (at Missoula College; Clinical at various locations)**

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
AHST 215	Surgical Lab II	4		
AHST 251	Surgical Clinical II	5		
AHST 298	Surgical Internship	5		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>14</b>		

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

UM Bitterroot offers an affordable avenue to pursue a career in the healthcare industry. Students complete prerequisite coursework at UM Bitterroot and then apply for the surgery technology program admission at Missoula College. Graduates earn their Associate of Science degree in Surgical Technology preparing students to work under the supervision of a surgeon to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures, ensuring that the operating room environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. Surgical technologists possess expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique and combine the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation of instrumentation and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Surgical technologists are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients. Most surgical technologists work in hospitals. The median pay for surgical technologists is \$48,510 annually (\$23.32 per hour). According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics there is decent growth in this field making it an in-demand career. Careers include: Surgical Technologist, Surgical Technician, Scrub Tech, Operating Room Technician, Operating Room Assistant, Oral Surgery Technician, and Tissue Recovery Technician.

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**Program Accreditation:**

The Missoula College Surgical Technology program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 25400 U. S. Highway 19 North; Suite 158; Clearwater, FL 33763 ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC-STSA), 6 West Dry Creek Circle Suite 110 Littleton, CO 80120 ([www.arcstsa.org](http://www.arcstsa.org)).