

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY  
STUDENT POLICIES

## NBSTSA/AST (CST) EXAM

The Certified Surgical Technologist certification (CST) is considered the gold standard of surgical technology professionalism. This credential represents a surgical technologist who has been certified by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) as well as the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) means a professional edge, increased prestige among peers and employers, better job security, and greater career advancement opportunities.

### Certification

Upon successful completion of all coursework and the apprenticeship, students are eligible to apply for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination as offered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) and the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST). The exam will be taken shortly after graduation.

Certification examination fees are solely the responsibility of the student.

Northwood Tech is seeking accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) which accredits programs upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). Graduates of an accredited program are eligible to sit for the national certification exam. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a certified surgical technologist. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's eligibility for certification.