

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.