

Surgical Technology Program Application Planning Guide

This is not an application. The intent of this guide is to help applicants develop a plan of readiness. An online application is available and may be submitted through your e-STORM account by selecting the “Program Applications” tile during the following period:

Campus	Admission	Application Period	Notice of Acceptance
Granite City	Spring 2027	September 1 – December 1, 2026	December 2026

The application and all supporting documentation must be submitted during the application period.

Application Requirements

A. Proof of Residency

Applicants who reside in-district receive priority admission over out-of-district and out-of-state students. Illinois residents may qualify for in-district status through an Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement. Proof of residency and any approved agreement must be on file with Enrollment Services prior to the application deadline.

B. Prerequisite Courses – Point Earning

Eligibility for the program requires both eligibility for English 101 and Math 97 or higher *and* completion of three prerequisite courses: **biology**, **chemistry**, and **algebra**. High school or college coursework are accepted to satisfy these prerequisite courses.

- Prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years of December 1, 2026.
- The most recent qualifying courses will be used for the application.
- “C” grades or higher are required for all coursework.
- **High school coursework:** Two consecutive semesters of a high school course with a lab, taken at a school approved by the State Board of Education, are required.

The latest semester that coursework is accepted for the application cycle:

Program Admission	Final Accepted Term	Official Transcript Deadline
Spring 2027	Fall 2026	December 1, 2026

Application points for qualifying biology, chemistry, and algebra prerequisite courses are assigned based on the following letter grades:

High School Coursework Grades	College Coursework Grades	Application Points
A/A	A	4.0
A/B or B/A		3.5
B/B or A/C	B	3.0
B/C or C/B		2.5
C/C	C	2.0

Track your prerequisite application points using the table below.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Semester/Year</u>	<u>Grade/Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
Biology:	_____	_____	_____	/4
College courses must be equivalent to SWIC's 100, 101, 102, 105 , 155, 156, 157, or 158.				
Chemistry:	_____	_____	_____	/4
College courses must be equivalent to SWIC's 101, 103, 105, or 106.				
Algebra:	_____	_____	_____	/4
College courses must be equivalent to SWIC's 94, 95, 97, 107, 111, or 112.				

Section B Points: _____/12

Additional Application Point Opportunities

C. General Education Coursework – Point Earning

While not mandatory before applying, you can earn additional points towards your application by completing the required general education courses for the program. "C" grades or higher are required for all coursework, however; points are awarded based on the amount of credit hours completed with grades of "B" or higher.

Coursework through Fall 2026 is accepted. The deadline for official transcripts is December 1, 2026 or as soon as final grades are posted.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester/Year</u>	<u>Grade Earned</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>"B" or higher</u>
Biology 105 or 157/158 or 155/156	_____	_____	4	☐
English 101	_____	_____	3	☐
Communications 151 or English 102	_____	_____	3	☐
Sociology 153	_____	_____	3	☐
Health Related Occupations 100 or 160	_____	_____	1	☐

Total credit hours completed with a "B" or higher: _____

- ≥ 2 credit hours = 1 point
- ≥ 6 credit hours = 2 points
- ≥ 10 credit hours = 3 points
- ≥ 14 credit hours = 4 points

Section C Points: _____/4

Health and Exercise Science 152 and Biology 250 are additional general education courses for the degree and may be taken in advance, although they do not earn application points.

D. GPA, ACT, or SAT – Point Earning

Application points in this section are earned from their ACT (minimum 18) or SAT (minimum 940) score. Scores must be within 10 years of December 1, 2026. Students may use their GPA from the Surgical Technology point-eligible general education courses if at least 12 of the 14 credit hours are completed, with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The higher point value from the ACT, SAT, or GPA will be used.

Points Key			
ACT Score	SAT Score	GPA	Application Points
26-30	1240-1410	≥ 4.0	4
21-25	1060-1230	$\geq 3.5 < 4.0$	3.5
18-20	940-1050	$\geq 3.0 < 3.5$	3
		$\geq 2.5 < 3.0$	2.5

How to Calculate GPA				
Course	Credit Hours	Letter Grade	Letter Grade Points A=4, B=3, C=2	Calculation Credit Hours x Letter Grade Points
BIOL 105 or 157/158 or 155/156	4			
ENG 101	3			+
COMM 151 or ENG 102	3			+
SOC 153	3			+
HRO 100 or 160	1			+

Total Calculated Points: = _____

Total Number of Completed Credit Hours: ÷ _____

GPA: = _____

Application Points for GPA (see Points Key above): = _____

Section D Points: _____/4

E. Previous Degree – Point Earning

Applicants are awarded application points for attainment of a previous degree.

Degrees	Points	Select
Bachelor's degree	2	☐
Associate degree	1	☐

Section E Points: _____/2

★Total Application Points: _____/22

Post-Application Requirements

F. Compliance and Eligibility Requirements

Students accepted into the Surgical Technology program must complete the following:

- **Immunizations and Vaccinations** – All required immunizations and vaccinations must be up to date. These requirements will be further explained at the program orientation meeting.
- **Health Insurance Coverage** – Proof must be provided before any clinical experience course.
- **Drug Screening** – A drug screening must be completed through the approved testing process outlined in the acceptance letter.
- **Fingerprint Criminal Background Check** – Students will need to complete the required background check. Details regarding accessing the online registration will be outlined in the program acceptance letter. Note: Licensure may be denied for certain felony convictions or violations. Refer to the Health Care Worker Background Check Act for a complete list of offenses. Students with “disqualifying” offenses will be asked to produce a waiver from the IDPH for identified offenses.
- **Clinical Facility Requirements** – Students must meet all additional compliance requirements of assigned clinical facilities, including background and drug testing standards.

Items to submit prior to December 1, 2026:

- ✓ Online Surgical Technology application
- ✓ GED or HiSet verification (if applicable), high school transcripts, and all college transcripts. If enrolled for fall semester courses, submit transcript as soon as final grades are posted.
- ✓ Confirmation of English 101 and Math 97 or higher eligibility
- ✓ Transfer Credit Evaluation Request form for all college transcripts
- ✓ Proof of residency and, if applicable, an Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement
- ✓ ACT/SAT Scores if applicable

All communication regarding your application is sent to your SWIC email account.

Need assistance or have questions? Contact Academic Advising at Advising@swic.edu or 618-235-2700 ext. 5455.