



# Surgical Technologist

in Northern New York State

## 01. How do I become a Surgical Technologist?

Surgical technologists receive training in formal education programs at community colleges and vocational schools, which typically lasts from nine to 24 months and results in a certificate or associate degree.

### What do Surgical Technologists do?

Surgical technologists are members of the operating room team and assist in surgical procedures under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel.

- Prepare surgical instruments and equipment
- Prepare and transport patients for surgery
- Assist surgical team by passing instruments and other sterile supplies

### Where do Surgical Technologists work?

Most work in hospital operating rooms and delivery rooms. Other surgical technologists work in outpatient surgery centers, physician offices, or dental offices.

### Are jobs available in Northern NY?

Absolutely, yes! Between 2016 and 2026 the number of jobs will increase by 11.7% nationwide and will increase in New York by 17.6%.

### How much do Surgical Technologists make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that surgical technologists in New York earned an average annual salary of \$57,420 (entry level-\$38,720 experienced-\$79,820).



## 02. Where can I find an education program?

There are dozens of Surgical Technologist programs in New York! Check out this website for a complete list of the programs:

<https://www.healthcareerinfo.net/surgical-technologists/>

## 03. NYS Licensure Requirements

NYS does not require surgical technologists to be licensed, though you may obtain voluntary professional certification from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA), the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants, and the American Board of Surgical Assistants.