

# **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

**Division: CAPITAL-NOT INCLUDING STATE OF VIRGINIA** 

Classification: NON-CERTIFIED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

**Applicant Name:** 

# **Non-Certified Surgical Technologist:**

The Non-Certified Surgical Technologist must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

### **Definition of Care or Service:**

The Non-Certified Surgical Technologist acts as an assistant to a surgeon during a surgical procedure by preparing patients, rooms and equipment for surgical procedures. Scope of Service may include:

- Prepares instruments, supplies and equipment essential to the surgical procedure
- Maintains the sterile field
- Passes instruments and anticipates needs of the surgeons
- Keep track of items like sponges and needles
- Anticipates the moves of the surgeon and assists in the safe and efficient completion of the surgical procedure
- Facilitates hemostasis of the surgical site by performing suction, irrigation and sponging the operative site during a surgical procedure
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare
- conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

### Setting(s):

• Surgical services areas including but not limited to hospitals and outpatient surgery centers

### **Supervision:**

- Direct supervision by surgeon
  - Indirect supervision by surgery department director, site manager or designee

**Evaluator:** Surgery department director in conjunction with surgeon(s)

Tier Level: 3

eSAF Access Required: YES

#### Qualifications:

- High School / GED degree or higher
- Completion of **one** of the below:
  - Surgical technology training program
  - Documented on-the-job training as a surgical technician (Can be found on Skills Checklist)
- Currently employed by a physician and not functioning as a self-employed ST
- American Heart Association or Red Cross health care provider BLS Certification

## \*Surgical Technologists are required to be Licensed in Virginia\*

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

## **State Requirements:**

All Surgical Technologists practicing in the state of Virginia need to be licensed



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### **Experience:**

N/A

# **Preferred Experience:**

• Two years of Surgical Tech experience is preferred

# **Competencies:** The Non-Certified Surgical Technologist will demonstrate:

- Safe environment for patients
  - o Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
  - Labels containers used for blood and specimens in the presence of the patient
  - Labels all medications and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and procedural settings
  - Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site / side and involves the patient in the verification process when possible.
  - o Participates in a time-out immediately before the start of an invasive procedure
- Surgical Tech Skills
  - Assist with positioning, prepping, draping of patient
  - Provide visualization of the operative field by the use of retraction, scissors, or electrocautery, as directed by the surgeon
  - Assists the surgeon in providing hemostasis by:
    - Applying electrocautery tip to clamp or tissue in a safe manner, as directed by surgeon
    - Sponging and utilizing pressure
    - Providing suction
    - Applying clamps on vessels and the tying or electrocoagulation of them, as directed by the surgeon
  - Placing hemoclips on vessels, as directed by the surgeon (in cardiac surgery only)
  - o Provides closure of subcutaneous and skin layers
  - Performs suturing and stapling (external staples only)
  - Assists the surgeon at the completion of the procedure by:
    - Affixing and stabilizing drains
    - Cleansing the wound and applying the dressing
    - Assist with application of cast, splints, and other devices
- Infection prevention
  - Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Required immunizations per Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions
  - Complies with required surgical attire
  - Maintains sterile field

### References:

N/A

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

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