Please be aware that failure to complete the background check or drug screen by the listed date will result in forfeiture of your acceptance into the Surgical Technology program.

If your background check reveals a history of convicted criminal activity, it may affect your eligibility to remain in the Surgical Technology program.

If your drug screen reveals the presence of a non-prescribed controlled substance it may affect your eligibility to remain in the Surgical Technology program.

Immunizations
The purpose of this memo is to remind students of the immunization requirements that are set through our affiliation agreements with our clinical externship sites. In order for our program to remain in compliance with these agreements, it is important that you receive all required immunizations and provide your instructor with copies of your shot records to be kept on file. The required immunizations are as follows:

- 2-Step TB skin test (requires 2 separate TB skin tests administered approximately a week apart)
- Hepatitis B vaccine (series of 3 appropriately spaced injections and positive titer showing immunity)
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) proof of 2 immunizations or positive antibody titer
- Tdap vaccine (booster for whooping cough within the past 10 years)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) proof of 2 vaccinations or positive antibody titer
- Influenza annually during influenza season (Oct - May)

Several of our clinical sites has recently started requiring that all students obtain a Hepatitis B titer that proves immunity in addition to the 3 appropriately spaced immunizations. You should obtain the blood test for the titer approximately 1 to 2 months after receiving your final immunization (or anytime later if you have completed your series in the past).

If you have any questions regarding the immunization requirements, please discuss them with your instructor.
Qualities Required of the Profession

Due to the nature of the Surgical Technologist’s responsibilities when caring for patients requiring surgical procedures, the following physical and emotional qualifications must be met. These qualities are set by the US Department of Occupational Titles and approved by the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST). They are upheld by the Davis Technical College Surgical Technology program.

You must be able to:

- Stand, bend, stoop, and/or sit for long periods of time in one location with minimal or no breaks
- Lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- Refrain from nourishment or restroom breaks for periods up to 6 hours
- Demonstrate sufficient visual ability enough to load a fine (10-0) suture onto needle holders with/without corrective lenses and while wearing safety glasses
- Demonstrate sufficient peripheral vision to anticipate and function while in the sterile surgical environment
- Hear and understand muffled communication without visualization of the communicator’s mouth/lips and within 20 feet
- Hear activation/warning signals on equipment
- Detect odors sufficient to maintain environmental safety and patient needs
- Manipulate instruments, supplies and equipment with speed, dexterity, and good eye-hand coordination
- Ambulate and/or move around without assistive devices
- Assist with and/or lift, move, position, and manipulate the patient who is unconscious with or without assistive devices
- Communicate and understand fluent English both verbally and in writing
- Be free of reportable communicable diseases and chemical abuse
- Demonstrate immunity (natural or artificial) to Rubella, Rubeola, Mumps, Chicken pox, Pertussis, and Hepatitis B, or be vaccinated against these diseases, or willing to sign a waiver of release of liability regarding these diseases
- Possess short- and long-term memory sufficient to perform tasks such as, but not limited to, mentally tracking surgical supplies and performing anticipation skills intraoperatively
- Make appropriate judgment decisions
- Demonstrate the use of positive coping skills under stress
- Demonstrate calm and effective responses, especially in emergency situations
- Exhibit positive interpersonal skills during patient, staff, and faculty interactions