



# Surgical Technologists



## What Is It?

Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeons' assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

## What Do They Typically Do?

- Getting Information
- Assisting and Caring for Others
- Evaluating Information to Determine Compliance with Standards

## Annual Income:

- Entry Level: \$46,210
- Typical: \$54,130
- Experienced: \$62,510

## What do I do next?

### Learn about the job culture:

- Schedule at least one informational interview
- Conduct a job shadow, if possible
- Research available volunteer or intern opportunities

### Prepare for training:

- Visit and call trade schools or colleges that offer a related program
- Research regional job openings at: [idahoworks.gov](http://idahoworks.gov)

### Explore all pathways to certification:

[labor.idaho.gov/jobscope](http://labor.idaho.gov/jobscope)

### Talk to your school counselor or advisor for more information

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## Get started today!

Ask about the career & technical programs at your school or nearby technical college.

Check out Idaho Digital Learning Academy for online opportunities: [idahodigitalllearning.org](http://idahodigitalllearning.org)

For tips, tools, and resources to learn how your skills and interests can translate to a rewarding career, visit the Next Steps Idaho website.