



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

San Manuel Gateway College

Surgical Technology A.S. Degree

Clinical Case Requirements

Case Distribution Requirements

Total Required Cases: 120

- First Scrub Role: Minimum of 80 cases
- Second Scrub Role: Maximum of 40 cases
- Observation Role: Documented but not counted toward the 120 required cases

General Surgery

- Minimum Total Cases: 30 cases
- First Scrub Role: At least 20 cases
- Second Scrub Role: Up to 10 cases

Surgical Specialties

- Minimum Total Cases: 90 cases
- First Scrub Role: At least 60 cases
 - Must be distributed across at least 5 different specialties
 - Maximum of 15 cases per specialty
- Second Scrub Role: Up to 30 cases

Recognized Surgical Specialties Include:

- Cardiothoracic
- Genitourinary
- Neurologic
- Obstetric and Gynecologic
- Ophthalmologic
- Oral/Maxillofacial
- Orthopedic
- Otorhinolaryngologic (ENT)
- Peripheral Vascular
- Plastics and Reconstructive
- Procurement and Transplant

Optional Cases (Counted Toward Second Scrub Role Only)

- Diagnostic Endoscopy: Up to 10 cases (second scrub role only) ○
Bronchoscopy ○ Colonoscopy
 - Cystoscopy ○
 - EGDERCP ○
 - Esophagoscopy ○
 - Laryngoscopy ○
 - Panendoscopy ○
 - Sinoscopy ○
 - Ureteroscopy
- Labor and Delivery ○ Vaginal Deliveries: Up to 5 cases (second scrub role only)

Role Definitions

First Scrub Role Student

must:

- Verify supplies and equipment
- Set up sterile field
- Perform operative counts
- Pass instruments and supplies
- Maintain sterile technique

Second Scrub Role Student

may:

- Assist with suctioning, retracting, sponging
- Cut sutures
- Provide camera assistance
- Participate in diagnostic endoscopy or vaginal delivery

Observation Role

Student observes the procedure without meeting criteria for First or Second Scrub roles. These cases must be documented but do not count toward the 120-case requirement.



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Clinical Experience Assignment Policy

The Surgical Technology Program assigns clinical rotations based on educational priorities, not geographic convenience. The program primarily utilizes Loma Linda University Health facilities, including Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, Loma Linda University Surgical Hospital, Loma Linda University East Campus Hospital, Loma Linda University Health Outpatient Surgical Center, and Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta. Additional facilities, outside of Loma Linda University Health, within a 60-mile radius of Loma Linda University campus may also be utilized. Students should expect to rotate through multiple facilities which may not be the closest to their residence. Clinical assignments are made to ensure students meet graduation requirements outlined in the AST 7th Edition Core Curriculum.

Students must provide their own reliable transportation and assume responsibility for travel-related risks. Clinical experiences may occur during evenings, weekends, or daytime hours to ensure exposure to a comprehensive range of surgical cases. The program has no control over location of clinical sites in relation to student residency location and placement decisions are made to maximize educational outcomes and case variety.