

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.6 Cuyahoga Community College, Associate of Applied Science
in Surgical Technology

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Cuyahoga Community College
Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

BACKGROUND

Cuyahoga Community College

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

Cuyahoga Community College has developed an Associate degree program in Surgical Technology in response to a need expressed by major employers and health care agencies in Cuyahoga County. The shortage of nursing staff and the increased number of satellite nursing and medical centers are increasing the demand for more Surgical Technologists. A survey conducted of Northern Ohio health care facilities indicated that 89% of the health care agencies expect to hire between 1-5 surgical technicians this fiscal year; and 78% expect to hire up to five additional technicians in the next five years.

Students enrolled in this program will learn skills needed to serve as an effective member of a surgical team. They will learn operating room procedures, care of a surgical patient, application of sterile techniques in the operating room and the importance of infection control related to operative setting. The clinical practicum includes fourteen hours per week in a hospital setting where students can demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and competency in an operative setting. Legal and ethical aspects of operating room practice and relevant health care reforms are also part of the practicum experience.

Graduates of the Surgical Technology program will find career opportunities in Hospital Operating rooms, Delivery rooms, Outpatient Surgery Centers, Surgical Clinics, catheterization laboratories and emergency departments.