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**Monroe College's Surgical Technology Program Earns CAAHEP Accreditation**

*Associate Degree Program Granted Initial Accreditation by  
The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs*

**BRONX, NY, July 22, 2024** -- [Monroe College](#), a national leader in educating first-generation and international students, is proud to announce that its Surgical Technology degree program was granted initial accreditation by CAAHEP, The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

CAAHEP is recognized as one of the country's premier accrediting authorities for educational programs in the health and health sciences professions. Earning CAAHEP accreditation indicates that Monroe's [Surgical Technology program](#) meets or exceeds its exacting national standards for education in this specialized field.

"We are delighted to achieve this significant milestone for our Surgical Technology program and thank CAAHEP's accreditation team for their incredible guidance throughout the rigorous accreditation process," said Daphne Warrington, Program Director in the School of Allied Health Professions at Monroe.

She added: "We developed the program curriculum and lab spaces to ensure students would receive the high-quality education and practical training they would need for success as surgical technologists upon program completion. Today's announced accreditation validates this work and affirms to students and their future healthcare employers that our graduates are prepared for the requirements of work in the operating room."

Monroe welcomed the first cohort of students to its Surgical Technology program in September 2022.

With CAAHEP accreditation, graduates from Monroe's program are now eligible to take the national Certified Surgical Technologist exam – an important professional credential – through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). As well, students currently in the program are now eligible to pursue NBSTSA scholarships, as well as those offered by the Foundation for Surgical Technology and the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

Monroe's Surgical Technology program is designed to prepare students for roles as technicians accompanying and supporting the work of surgeons and the broader healthcare team in operating rooms. That work includes ensuring that operating room equipment is functioning properly and that operative procedures are conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety. It also includes the appropriate placement, care, and utilization of all surgical instruments.

The curriculum for this 67-credit Associate program focuses on human anatomy and physiology, as well as the theory and application of aseptic techniques, instrumentation, and surgical procedures.

Some of the specific job titles graduates of the program may pursue include Operating Room Technician, Obstetrical Scrub Technician, Organ Recovery Specialist, Surgical Tech/Ambulatory Surgery or Surgical Tech/Plastic Surgery.

In keeping with CAAHEP's accreditation process, Monroe's Surgical Technology program will be subject to an accreditation review no later than 2029.

Learn more about Monroe's [Surgical Technology program](#) on our website.

## **ABOUT MONROE COLLEGE**

Founded in 1933, Monroe College is a recognized leader in urban and international education. The College is proud of its innovative programs to increase college access, affordability, and completion outcomes, especially among first-generation students, and for the national recognition it receives for its strong impact on graduates' social mobility.

Programs are offered through Schools of Allied Health Professions, Business and Accounting, Criminal and Social Justice, Education, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Nursing, as well as through its King Graduate School. Liberal arts and continuing education programs are also available. For more information and admissions criteria, please visit <http://www.monroecollege.edu>.

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