

CERTIFICATE

Surgical Technology

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

**Offered through partnership with
Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC)**

The Surgical Technology Certificate is offered through a distance learning partnership between Piedmont Virginia Community College, Virginia Western Community College, and Lewis-Gale Medical Center. Students complete general education requirements at Virginia Western. Surgical technology courses are offered through PVCC at Virginia Western via web-based conferencing technology.

Purpose: This curriculum is designed to provide the community with individuals who can function as surgical technologists. This program of study will provide students with an entry-level career in the health care field that is rewarding, in demand, and provides an opportunity for career advancement.

Program Objectives: This three-semester Surgical Technology certificate program will prepare individuals to perform selected activities in the operating room as an entry-level member of the surgical team. The certificate curriculum is designed to provide graduates the opportunity to become nationally certified as a surgical technologist.

Developmental Requirements: Students who do not place into college-level English on the placement test will be required to take developmental courses.

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency on the placement test in the following mathematical units will be required to complete developmental courses: MTE 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Admission Requirements: Students who plan to complete the program through distance education at Virginia Western should follow the PVCC application instructions located at www.pvcc.edu/programs_study/certificate/cert_surgical_technology.php. Completion of the Surgical Technology program application is due by May 1 to Piedmont Virginia Community College. For more information please contact the Health and Life Sciences Division at PVCC: (434) 961-5445.

**CURRICULUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS
GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES**

CREDITS

BIO 141-142* .. Human Anatomy and Physiology I-II	8
ENG 111* College Composition I	3
HLT 143 Medical Terminology	3
NAS 185* Microbiology	4
SDV 100 College Success Skills (or SDV 108)	1

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AND RELATED COURSES

SUR 140 Introduction to Surgical Care	4
SUR 145 Fundamentals of Surgical Care	4
SUR 210 Surgical Procedures	8
SUR 250 Surgical Pharmacology	2
SUR 254 Professional Issues	1
SUR 260 Clinical Practicum	5
Total Minimum Credits for Certificate	43

**This course has a requisite. Requisites for all courses are listed in the course description section at the back of the catalog.*

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

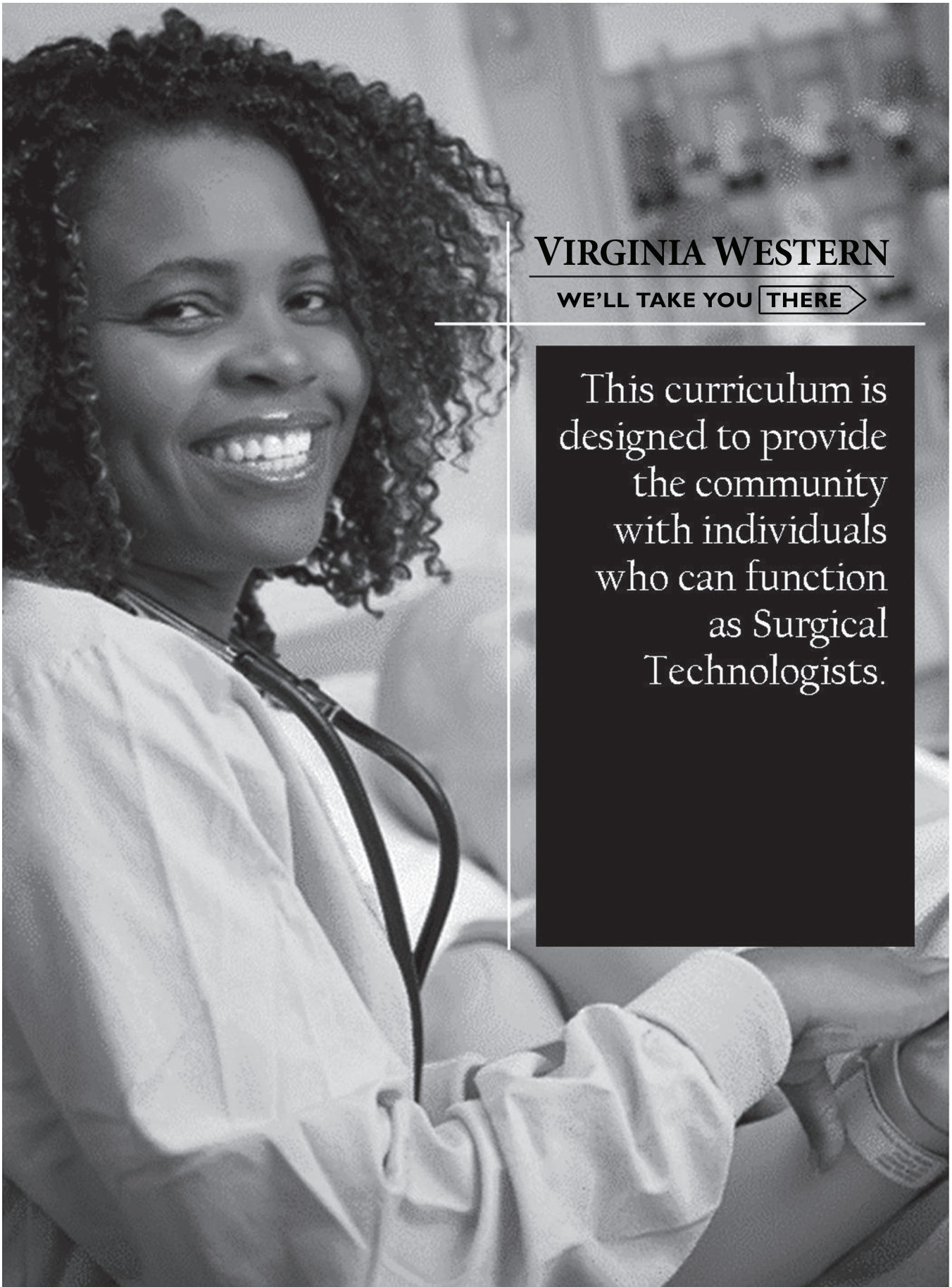
FIRST YEAR

FALL	SPRING
BIO 141	BIO 142
HLT 141	SDV 100
SUR 140	SUR 210
SUR 145	SUR 250


SECOND YEAR

FALL
ENG 111
NAS 185
SUR 254
SUR 260

Note: Surgical technology classes will be completed at Virginia Western through Web-based conferencing technology from PVCC.



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