SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OUTCOME STATEMENTS

ARC/STSA Thresholds

Reaffirmation of ARC/STSA Outcomes Thresholds - The ARC/STSA-approved outcomes thresholds for CAAHEP accredited programs in surgical technology, effective August 1, 2011, remain unchanged and are as follows:

1. Retention - 70%

Retention is calculated by the number of students completing the program on a completion date divided by the number of students (enrolled, transferred in, changed on-time cohort completion date due to failed course, leave of absence, etc.) assigned an original or revised (if applicable) on time cohort completion date (anticipated graduation date).

2. Approved Outcomes Assessment Exam

- For CAAHEP-accredited programs: NBSTSA Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Exam-100% participation rate; 70% pass rate on the CST Exam
- For applicant programs seeking CAAHEP Initial Accreditation: NBSTSA Comprehensive (Secure) CST Practice Exam-100% participation rate

3. Graduate Placement - 80% (positive placement)

- placed in the field of surgical technology, a directly related field, or an Active Duty Military placement
- continuing their education
- placed in field of surgical technology, a directly related field or an Active Duty Military placement AND continuing their education in a related field
4. Employer Surveys

- use of the standardized ARC/STSA Employer Survey tool administered no sooner than 9 months after employment
- 50% Employer Survey return rate
- 85% Employer Survey satisfaction (24 of 28 areas rated 3 or higher on the 5 point Likert scale.)

5. Graduate Surveys

- use of the standardized ARC/STSA Graduate Survey tool administered no sooner than 6 months after graduation
- 50% Graduate Survey return rate
- 85% Graduate Survey satisfaction (7 of 8 areas rated 3 or higher on the 5 point Likert scale.)