Surgical Technology Program
PSB - Health Occupations Readiness Form

❖ *Admission test:* Students will need to take the PSB-HO exam in Health Occupations.

❖ The PSB-HO exam is given in the Ivy Tech Workforce Certification Center. It is located in the: George and Francis Ball Building Room 212 125 S High St Muncie, IN 47305

❖ Please fill out the form (last page), take form and $45.00 to pay for the exam to the Business Office (also located in the North Instructional Center) to pay for the PSB-HO exam.

❖ It is preferred that you call to schedule an appointment for the PSB-HO exam, the Workforce Certification Center contact information is (765) 289-2291 or (800) 589-8324, ext. 1258 or 1259.

❖ The PSB-HO test may be taken twice, in a 365 day period, the test must be taken *at least 30 days apart.* THESE SCORES ARE VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR.
The PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination is selectively normed on applicants for admission to all of the various health care career choices and can predict an individual's readiness and capability for successful completion of the educational program designed to prepare qualified health care personnel. The examination addresses required pre-requisite and acquired educational achievements commensurate with the objectives of the preparation program. It comprises five separate tests that measure abilities, skills, knowledge and attitudes important for success in the program and career choice.

**Part I - Academic Aptitude**

Academic aptitude as measured by the total (combined subtests), might be thought of as a type of ability to learn. The test content is specifically adapted for appraising the combination of innate and acquired abilities that are needed for work of an academic nature. The academic aptitude total emphasizes familiar experiences and concepts while requiring careful reasoning and the capacity to comprehend and draw conclusions.

**Verbal:** The Verbal aspect consists of vocabulary-related test questions. Empirical evidence has shown this type of test item to be highly related to academic success.

**Arithmetic:** The numerical aspect consists of items drawing largely from arithmetic. To some degree, it involves skill with arithmetical concepts along with computational speed. The content of the numerical items is that to which practically all eighth grade students have been exposed.

**Nonverbal:** The nonverbal aspect consists of test items calling for a comprehension of form relationships. Measurement is in terms of the ability to manipulate "things" mentally, to reason out differences in pictured objects, and to deal with concrete materials through visualization. Recognition of relationships and of differences has been shown by research to be basic to learning aptitude.

**Part II - Spelling**

The spelling test measures skill with a tool essential to written expression or communication. It also reflects educational achievement in basic tools of learning.

**Part III - Reading Comprehension**

This test measures ability to understand direct statements, interpret written content, see the authors intent, observe organization of ideas, and to extract information from written material with respect to ideas and purposes; thus to read and comprehend what is read.

**Part IV - Information in the Natural Sciences**

Measurement with this test concerns accumulation of information in the natural sciences, i.e., biology, chemistry, health, safety, etc., at a fundamental level. The relationship of knowledge in the area of the natural sciences to the course of study of the allied health educational program is an obvious one.

**Part V - Vocational Adjustment Index**

The person's characteristic life style is reflected in his or her distinctive educational and occupational adjustment. Feelings, attitudes, opinions, and other personality characteristics and behavioral traits, which may be quite acceptable in many situations, may not be those desirable for the prospective healthcare professional either as a student or as a practitioner.
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I have taken the Ivy Tech Assessment and completed all recommended skills advancement courses as indicated on the assessment. It is recommended but not required that I complete the following course with a grade of a “C” or better.

1. IVYT 1XX Life Skills Elective  
2. ANPY 101 Anatomy & Physiology  
3. ENGL 111 English Composition  
4. HLHS 101 Medical Terminology  
5. MATH 123 Quantitative Reasoning  
6. PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology or SOCI 111 Intro to Sociology  
7. SURG 203 Surgical Pharmacology  
8. ANPY 102 Anatomy & Physiology II  
9. HLHS 105 Med Law & Ethics  
10. COMM 101 Speech or COMM 102 Intro to Interpersonal Communications  
11. BIOL 211 General Microbiology

The PSB test must be taken for admittance to the Fall program by May 18th of every year. The test results are good for only one year.

*Taking the test does not guarantee admittance to the Surgical Technology Program.*

I plan to take the Surgical Technology PSB-HO examination on ___________ at _______________  
In room _______________.

I am _______ I am not _________ (check one) a current Ivy Tech Community College student.

My payment of $45.00 is attached.

Printed Name ___________________________ Banner Student C0 number ________________________

Address _____________________________ City, State, Zip _____________________________

Student Signature ___________________________ Phone Number ___________________________

Because of limited seating you will need to reserve your examination date by contacting the Workforce Certification Center at 765-289-2291 or 800-589-8324 ext. 1258 or 1259. Please take this reservation form to the Business office to pay the $45.00 examination fee.

*No test will be given unless fees are paid prior to testing.

**You MUST bring your receipt and a PHOTO ID to the examination.