KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Of
The City University of New York
Department of Nursing

ST6P   Practicum IV
Course Syllabus: 2017
Prerequisites: ST 500/500P
Credits: 3
Co-requisites: ST 6
Practicum Hours: 16 hours/week

Catalogue Description   This course is designed to provide the student individualized experience in the advance practice in the field. Emphasis is placed on demonstrating proficiency in skills necessary for independent practice.

Course Overview   The Surgical Technologist is required to function with independence in a team environment. This course will afford the student the opportunity to demonstrate that independence and readiness to take a role in the clinical environment.

Student Learning Outcomes   **Assessment Measures**

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1. Demonstrate an entry level competency for the field of Surgical Technology.	In the clinical area, the students will demonstrate readiness to join the professional perioperative team by reporting to their respective agencies on-time, picking up their daily assignment and independently preparing for participation in the daily surgical case load. The clinical skills will be assessed on the required case studies that reflect issues in professionalism in the operating room environment as well as the Clinical Evaluation Tool and Skills Check Documentation.
2. Independently access the information in the perioperative environment to prepare the Surgical Suite for procedures.	The students will retrieve the appropriate preference card resource materials for those cases to which they are assigned. The clinical skills will be assessed on the Clinical Evaluation Tool as well as the Skills Check Documentation.
3. Identify and secure the supplies and equipment needed for procedures independently.	The students will secure and prepare all supplies and equipment needed for their assigned surgical procedures. The clinical skills will be assessed on the Clinical Evaluation Tool as well as the Skills Check Documentation.
4. Set up and participate in the total patient care in the Operating Room for all levels of surgical patients.	The clinical skills will be assessed on the required case studies that reflect issues in professionalism in the operating room environment as well as the Clinical Evaluation Tool and Skills Check Documentation.

Topical Outline
This course is based on the Surgical Technology student's independent practice within an Operating Room environment. The student will participate on all levels of assigned cases functioning in the primary Surgical Technologist role.

Attendance
A student is deemed excessively absent when he or she has been absent 15% of the number of contact hours a class meets during a semester. When a student is excessively absent, a grade of "W" or "WU" will be assigned as described in the college catalog. Students should note that although the college Schedule of Classes lists the time of the clinical courses from 8AM to 4PM, when assigned to a clinical agency that begins the day shift at prior to 8AM, the student day begins with the staff of that agency and extends for 8 hours.

Health Clearance – CPR Training
Students are required to have a criminal background check, health clearance and evidence of CPR training prior to registration. During the semester any change in the student's health (e.g., serious illness, accident, pregnancy, etc.) necessitates evaluation by student health service. Student responsibility includes notification of the instructor and course coordinator. Health clearance must be maintained to continue course enrollment.

Evaluation
Each student is responsible for maintaining a SURGICAL ROTATION DOCUMENTATION AND CLINICAL CASE LOG (SRD). The SRD should be shared with the Program Director frequently to make sure that there are no gaps or deficits prior to graduation.

Grades
Grades will be calculated according to college and departmental policy as follows:

A+	97-100	A	93-96	A-90-92		B+	87-89	B	83-86
B-	80-82	C+	78-79	C	75-77	C-70-74		D+	66-69
D	60-65	F	<60and below	W	Withdrew without penalty		WU	Unofficial Withdrawal	
INC	Term's Work Incomplete. Counts as "F" grade unless work is completed within six months.								

Grades will be determined as described below:

CE articles	50%
Practicum Evaluation	50%
Mid-term Evaluation	*Satisfactory/unsatisfactory*
Final Clinical Evaluation	*Satisfactory/unsatisfactory*

Clinical performance is evaluated as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U). Performance that has been designated as "U" at the end of the course will result in failure of the course (F) regardless of other grades. Clinical Performance in the Practicum Courses must be at a satisfactory level to remain in the program. A failing grade of "F" for any clinical course will result in dismissal from the Program. Any student who has not attended Surgical Technology courses for more than one semester cannot be readmitted into the Surgical Technology Program unless qualifying examinations have been passed in sequential order in the courses previously completed. In accordance with the retention criteria of the Nursing Department, these examinations can be repeated only once. In addition, the student must demonstrate clinical competency by passing a Clinical Practicum examination prior to returning to any of the clinical courses.

CE Articles
   Each student will have access to over 100 articles from OR periodicals and journals and are available in the lab. You must confer with your instructor as to which article you are going to research and review. For each of the eight (8) Articles that you will be reading this semester, please fill out the assignment sheet that you can find on Blackboard. Provide a rationale for each answer with a documentable source other than the article. The Fuller or Frey textbook, Alexander's textbook, or Goldman book are excellent references. On-line references should be from reputable sources. You must include all references either in the body of the answer or footnoted/endnoted. Assignments are due the first clinical day each week starting Tuesday of week 3. This form should be submitted to your instructor(s) via email, or a typed hardcopy should be handed in at the start of the clinical day on the due date. Handwritten assignments will not be accepted. A five (5) point deduction will be assessed for each day an assignment is late. Assignments are still due on Tuesdays by 7AM if there is no class.

The due dates are as follows:

CE article # 1	9/19
CE article # 2	9/28
CE article # 3	10/3
CE article # 4	10/12
CE article # 5	10/24
CE article # 6	11/9
CE article # 7	11/14
CE article # 8	11/30

Student Work Policy
While students are completing clinical rotations, there time spent at the clinically affiliated institution will be educational in nature. Students will not receive any monetary compensation during this educational experience, nor will the students be substituted for hired staff personnel within the clinical institution in the capacity of the surgical technologist.

Clinical Site Decorum
All pagers and wireless phones must be turned off when in the clinical area. Professionalism is an absolute requirement and any disregard for institutional policies, KBCC policies, or program values (as described in the SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY STUDENT HANDBOOK) will result in dismissal for the day and you must speak to the Program Director for clearance to return to the clinical site. Any patient or operating room specific information that is shared via social media is a violation of HIPAA and you will be dismissed from the program.

Dress Requirements
Students must present themselves as professional role models. Students are to travel to and from health agencies in street clothes. All students are to change into appropriate scrubs provided by the agencies. A knee-length, white lab coat is to be worn when necessary. Current KCC Student ID card is to be worn at all times. No jewelry. Nails should not extend beyond the fingertips and should be rounded and clean. No nail polish is permissible in the clinical agencies. Hair is to be clean, off the face and above collar line. Subdued makeup. In the clinical setting, all requirements of the *ASTs Guidelines for Best Practices* for attire must be maintained.

Fatigue Fatigue can certainly impair a health care worker's ability to provide safe, professional case. Thus KCC's Nursing Department states: All students need to carefully assess his/her level of fatigue, school requirements in terms of lecture, on-campus labs and clinical experiences and own work schedules. This assessment should carefully consider the potential impact of excessive employment on his/her ability to provide safe, professional care. Each student has an ethical responsibility to ensure that fatigue does not negatively impact student responsibilities.