State Registration and Certification Requirements for Surgical Technologists

State	Citation	Registration/ Certification	Definition of Surgical Technologist
Colorado	Colorado Revised Statutes Title 12: Professions and Occupations Article 43.2: Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists 12-43.2-101	Registration	A person who performs certain duties, including: (a) Preparation of the operating or procedure room and the sterile field for surgical procedures by sterilizing supplies, instruments, and equipment; (b) Preparation of the operating room or procedure room for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; and (c) Passing instruments, equipment, or supplies to a surgeon; sponging or suctioning an operative site; preparing and cutting suture material; holding retractors; transferring but not administering fluids or drugs; assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments; and performing other similar duties as directed during a surgical procedure.
Illinois	Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 225: Professions and Occupations 225 ILCS 130: Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act.	Registration	"Registered surgical technologist" means a person who (i) is not a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, (ii) is certified by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist, (iii) performs duties under direct supervision, (iv) provides services in a licensed hospital, ambulatory treatment center, or office of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, and (v) is registered under this Act.
Indiana	Indiana Code IC 25-36.1: Certified Surgical Technologists	Certification	"Surgical technology" means intraoperative surgical patient care that involves the following: (1) Preparing the operating room for surgical procedures by: (A) ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; and (B) preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique. (2) Anticipating the needs of the surgical team based on knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology relating to the surgical patient and the patient's surgical procedure. (3) Performing tasks in an operating room setting in the sterile field, including the following: (A) Passing supplies, equipment, or instruments. (B) Suctioning or sponging an operative site. (C) Preparing and cutting suture material (D) Transferring and irrigating with fluids. (E) Transferring, without administering, drugs within the sterile field. (F) Handling specimens. (G) Holding retractors. (H) Assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments with an operating room circulator as allowed.

Massachusetts	Massachusetts General Laws Title XVI: Public Health Chapter 111: Public Health	Certification	"Surgical technology", surgical patient care including, but not limited to, 1 or more of the following: (i) collaboration with an operating room circulator prior to a surgical procedure to carry out the plan of care by preparing the operating room, gathering and preparing sterile supplies, instruments and equipment, preparing and maintaining the sterile field using sterile and aseptic techhnique and ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; (ii) intraoperative anticipation and response to the needs of a surgeon and other team members by monitoring the sterile field and providing the required instruments or supplies; (iii) performance of tasks at the sterile field, as directed in an operating room setting, including: (1) passing supplies, equipment or instruments; (2) sponging or suctioning an operative site; (3) preparing and cutting suture material; (4) transferring and irrigating with fluids; (5) transferring, but not administering, drugs within the sterile field; (6) handling specimens; (7) holding retractors; and (8) assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies and instruments with an operating room circulator.
New Jersey	New Jersey Permanent Statutes Title 26: Health and Vital Statistics 26:2H-12.62	Certification	"Surgical technologist" means a person who is authorized to practice surgical technology pursuant to the provisions of this act. "Surgical technology" means surgical patient care that includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks or functions: (1) preparing the operating room for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; (2) preparing the operating room and the sterile field for surgical procedures by preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique; (3) anticipating the needs of the surgical team based on knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology and how they relate to the surgical patient and the patient's surgical procedure; and (4) as directed, performing tasks at the sterile field including: (b) sponging or suctioning an operative site; (c) preparing and cutting suture material (d) transferring and irrigating with fluids; (e) transferring and administering drugs within the sterile field, according to applicable law; (f) handling specimens; (g) holding retractors and other instruments (h) applying electrocautery to clamps on bleeders; (i) connecting drains to suction apparatus; (j) applying dressings to closed wounds; and (k) performing sponge, needle, supply and instrument counts with the registered nurse circulator.

South Carolina	South Carolina Code of Laws Title 44: Health Chapter 7: Hospitals, Tuberculosis Camps and Health Services Districts 44-7-380	Certification	"Surgical technology" means intraoperative surgical patient care that involves: (1) preparing the operating room for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; (2) preparing the operating room and the sterile field for surgical procedures by preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique; (3) anticipating the needs of the surgical team based on knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology and how they relate to the surgical patient and the patient's surgical procedure; and (4) as directed within the sterile field in an operating room setting, performing tasks including: (a) passing supplies, equipment or instruments; (b) sponging or suctioning an operative site; (c) preparing and cutting suture materials; (d) transferring fluids or drugs; (e) holding retractors; and (f) assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.
Tennessee	Tennessee Code Annotated Title 68 Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Health Chapter 57 Surgical Technologists TCA 68-57-101	Certification	"Surgical technologist" means one who works under supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures. This individual is usually employed by a hospital, medical office, or surgical center and supervised during the surgical procedure according to institutional policy and procedure to assist in providing a safe operating room environment that maximizes patient safety by performing certain tasks, including, but not limited to: (1) Preparation of the operating room and the sterile field for surgical procedures by preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique; (2) Preparation of the operating room for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; and (3) Passing instruments, equipment, or supplies to a surgeon, sponging or suctioning an operative site, preparing and cutting suture material, holding retractors, transferring but not administering fluids or drugs, assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments, and performing other similar tasks as directed during a surgical procedure.

Texas	Texas Health and Safety Code Title 4. Health Facilities Subtitle B. Licensing of Health Facilities Chapter 259: Surgical Technologists	Certification	"Surgical technologist" means a person who practices surgical technology. "Surgical technology" means intraoperative surgical patient care as follows: (A) preparing the operating room for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely; (B) preparing the operating room and sterile field for surgical procedures by preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique; (C) anticipating the needs of the surgical team based on knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology and how they relate to the surgical patient and the patient's surgical procedure; (D) as directed in an operating room setting, performing the following tasks at the sterile field: (i) passing supplies, equipment, or instruments; (ii) sponging or suctioning an operative site; (iii) preparing and cutting suture material; (iv) transferring and pouring irrigation fluids; (v) transferring but not administering drugs within the sterile field; (vi) handling specimens; (vii) holding retractors and other instruments; (viii) applying electrocautery to clamps on bleeders; (ix) connecting drains to suction apparatus; (x) applying dressings to closed wounds; and (xi) assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments with the registered nurse circulator; (E) cleaning and preparing instruments for sterilization on completion of the surgery; and (F) assisting the surgical team with cleaning of the operating room on completion of the surgery.
Washington	Revised Code of Washington Title 18 Businesses and Professions RCW 18.215: Surgical Technologists	Registration	"Surgical technologist" means a person, regardless of title, who is supervised in the surgical setting under the delegation of authority of a health care practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license and under the laws of this state.