

Bergen Community College
Division of Health Professions
Surgical Technology Associate Degree AAS.HP.SUR

SUR-105

Microbiological Applications in Surgery/Surgical Asepsis

Basic Information About the Course and Instructor

SUR 105-001

Meeting Times and Locations:

HP-228

Office: HP-238

Course Description

This course focuses on pathogens, and infections that are common to the operating room. Emphasis is placed on microorganisms associated with surgical site infections. A surgical conscience, factors that increase the risk of infection, and methods of transmission will be studied. This course includes decontamination, disinfection, sterilization and agents, the principles of asepsis, and the practice of sterile technique.

Lecture [3.00]

Credits-3

Prerequisite: SUR-100

Corequisites: SUR-106

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Identify pathogens associated with surgical site infections (SSI's), and the pathogens that are common to the operating room.
2. Apply the principles of surgical asepsis in all surgical procedures.
3. Demonstrate responsibility for professional actions and care-based on accepted scientific theories, research, and the accepted standard of care.
4. Prioritize the utilization of infection control methods to prevent perioperative disease transmission.
5. Verify the proper procedures for the practice of sterilization and disinfection in the operating room.

Means of Assessment

Students in this course will:

Complete reading assignments with each new chapter and homework assignments.

There will be an exam following each chapter.

- * Exams and quizzes cannot be made up. Exceptions are at the discretion of the program director.

Computerized Quizzes

Course Texts and Study Material

Required Textbooks:

- * Surgical Technology for the Surgical Technologist “A Positive Care Approach” 6th Edition, AST Association of Surgical Technologists, ISBN 978-0-357-62573-6
Lang Q&A- Surgical Technology Examination 8th Edition
ISBN 978-1-260-47024-6
- * Other books and videos are available in the classroom and library for student use.

Required supplies for Lecture:

- * Notebook
- * Pen, pencil
- * Computer/laptop (as per the student’s discretion)

Audio taping is permissible, please just notify the instructor.

Research, Writing, and Examination Requirements

Homework Assignments

They are to be presented on time and typed and sent to the appropriate professor. If a hardcopy is required the student will be notified.

The assignment must be handed in regardless if it is late and the student will receive a zero.

Quizzes and Exams

Surprise quizzes will be given through the semester in this class. Exams will be given following each lecture.

There are no make-ups for quizzes and exams, any changes will be at the discretion of the director of the program

Final

The final will be cumulative.

Grading Policy

Anything below a 76% (C+) is not a passing grade for this program.

93-100 %	A
89-92 %	B+
80-88 %	B
76-79 %	C+
73-75 %	C

Exams: 50%

Homework Assignments/ Quizzes: 25%

Final Exam: 25%

Cumulative Final Exam

Attendance

BCC Attendance Policy

All students are expected to attend and be punctual for every scheduled meeting of each course in which the student is registered. Attendance and lateness policies and sanctions are to be determined by the director for each section of each course. These are in writing in the Policy and Procedure Student Handbook and in each course outline.

Other college, Divisional, and/or Departmental Policy Statements

Accommodations for Disabilities

Bergen community college aims to create inclusive learning environments where all students have maximum opportunities for success. Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on a disability should contact the Office of Special Services.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Students who require accommodations by the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] can request support services from “The Office of Specialized Services of Bergen Community College] 201-612-5270/5269 or via email at ossinfo@bergen.edu.

Mental Health and Well Being

Mental Health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. Bergen Community College has licensed personal counselors available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing.

You can learn about the confidential mental health services available on campus via the Health and Wellness Center at [www.bergen.edu/personal counseling](http://www.bergen.edu/personal_counseling).

Department Policy Statements:

Student and Faculty Support Services

Tutoring/extra help

We the administrative department maintain office hours for counseling and are available to provide extra help to our students. The surgical technology program is structured to assist the student having difficulties and provide tutoring for student success.

Available Online and On-Campus Resources

Library- <https://bergen.edu/library/>

Academic support <https://bergen.edu/academics/pathway-scholars-program/academic-support>

The Writing center and Tutoring Center- L-125 [https://Bergen.edu/tutoring/writing center/](https://Bergen.edu/tutoring/writing_center/)

OWL(Online Writing Lab) <http://www.owl.english.perdue>

Free Time Computer Labs [https://Bergen.edu/technology assistance/computer lab availability/](https://Bergen.edu/technology_assistance/computer_lab_availability/)

The Center for student A-118 (Academic, Career, International, and Transfer Counselors)
<https://bergen.edu/center-for-student-success/>

Personal counseling HS-100 <https://bergen.edu/health-wellness-and-personal-counseling/personalcounseling/>

Sample Course Outline		
Week	Topic	Assessment
1-3	<p>Chapter 6-Preventing Perioperative Disease Transmission</p> <p>Reading Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * History of Microbiology * Methods of Transmission * Factors that Increase Risk of SSI's <p>Homework Assignments:</p> <p>Micro Review Questions</p> <p>Case Study questions from the text book</p> <p>AST questions for Ch. 6</p> <p>Lang Q&A questions- Ch.2 Microbiology, and Ch.5 Aseptic Technique.</p>	<p>There are multiple lectures in this specific chapter, there will be an exam and possible quizzes to follow each.</p> <p>Exam to follow these lectures.</p>
4-6	<p>Chapter 7- Part II Disinfection, Decontamination, and Sterilization</p> <p>Reading Assignment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Basic terminology related to asepsis and sterile technique. * Disinfection Principles and Disinfecting Agents. * Environmental cleaning 	Quiz to follow these lectures
7-11	<p>Chapter 7- Part II Disinfection, Decontamination, and Sterilization</p> <p>Reading Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Surgical Instrument Decontamination * Sterilization Principles and Process * Steam Sterilization Process * Sterilization Process for; * ETO * Hydrogen Peroxide * Liquid chemical * Alternative Methods * Event Related Sterility <p>Homework Assignments:</p> <p>Case Study</p>	Quiz following these lectures.
12-14	<p>Chapter 7- Part III Disinfection, Decontamination, and Sterilization</p> <p>Reading Assignments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Surgical Conscience * AST Recommended Standards of Practice Related to Sterile Technique <p>Homework Assignment:</p> <p>Case Study</p>	Quiz to follow these Lectures

15		Cumulative final Exam
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Note to Students: This course outline and calendar is subject to change.

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