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State	Meets state educational Requirements	Does not meet state educational requirements	Undetermined	State	Meets state educational Requirements	Does not meet state educational requirements	Undetermined
Alabama	*			**Nebraska**	*		
Alaska	*			**Nevada**	*		
American Samoa			*	**New Hampshire**	*		
Arizona	*			**New Jersey**	*		
Arkansas	*			New Mexico	*		
California	*			New York	*		
Colorado	*			North Carolina	*		
Connecticut	*			North Dakota	*		
Delaware	*			Northern Mariana Islands			*
Florida	*			Ohio	*		
Georgia	*			Oklahoma	*		
Guam			*	Oregon	*		
Hawaii	*			Pennsylvania	*		
Idaho	*			Puerto Rico	*		
Illinois	*			Rhode Island	*		
Indiana	*			South Carolina	*		
Iowa	*			South Dakota	*		
Kansas	*			Tennessee	*		
Kentucky	*			Texas	*		
Louisiana	*			US Virgin Islands			*
Maine	*			Utah	*		
Maryland	*			Vermont	*		
Massachusetts	*			Virginia	*		
Michigan	*			Washington	*		
Minnesota	*			West Virginia	*		
Mississippi	*			Wisconsin	*		
Missouri	*			Wyoming	*		
Montana	*						

Comments:

- Just three states, Colorado, North Dakota, and Washington, require surgical technologists to register before working in their states. Colorado also requires surgical assistants to register. No states require surgical technologists to be licensed, but Texas and the District of Columbia require surgical assistants to be registered. Texas exempts surgical assistants who practice in the hospital under the delegated authority of a physician from needing to be licensed.

- The Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) has introduced legislation that would require states to allow only graduates of an accredited program to work as a surgical technologist. In addition, the AST wants to see all surgical technologists certified by a nation accrediting agency, the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. Currently, the following states require education and certification for surgical technologists: Indiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Idaho.

- The Surgical Technology Program at RCC meets all educational requirements for national credentialing. Surgical technology students are required to sit for the national certification exam through the National Board on Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) prior to graduation (graduation requirement). Provided the student passes the exam, they are credentialed to work anywhere in the United States. It is incumbent upon the graduate to maintain their credential through continuing education activities and renew every two years.