

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Surgical Technology Prior Learning Credit**  
**Between**  
***Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education***  
**and**  
***Southwestern Oklahoma State University***

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered into by and between the **Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE)** and **Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)** for the purpose of establishing a pathway for students who hold applicable Surgical Technology credentials (NCCT or CST) to receive prior learning assessment credit toward eligible SWOSU Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology degree requirements.

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a structured process for recognizing college-level Surgical Technology learning obtained through ODCTE programs culminating in successful Surgical Technology certification. The parties intend to reduce duplication of coursework, support workforce development, and improve student transition into SWOSU academic programs.

### **2. Definitions**

For purposes of this agreement:

- **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** means the evaluation of learning acquired outside the traditional classroom for possible academic credit.
- **Credential** means a recognized TS-C or CST certification as applicable.
- **Credit award** means semester credit granted by SWOSU after faculty review and equivalency determination. SWOSU's catalog specifically identifies prior learning assessment as eligible extra-institutional credit within stated limits.

### **3. Eligibility**

A student may be considered for credit under this agreement if the student:

- Holds a current, valid TS-C or CST credential relevant to the course content.
- Submits official documentation required by SWOSU Allied Health Sciences.
- Meets SWOSU admission and program requirements.

#### 4. Credit Evaluation

SWOSU shall evaluate Surgical Technology-related prior learning through certification or verification.

#### 5. Credit Award

Credit may be awarded only when SWOSU faculty determine that the student's learning is equivalent to the learning outcomes of a SWOSU course. Credit awarded under this agreement:

- Shall be transcribed as SWOSU-approved credit once twelve credit hours are completed at SWOSU.
- May be used only where the course applies to the student's degree plan.
- Shall remain subject to residency, upper-division, and program-specific requirements.

#### 6. Suggested Surgical Technology Credit Crosswalk

The parties may adopt the following preliminary framework, subject to final faculty approval:

| ODCTE / Medical Coding Source                                              | SWOSU Credit Type                  | Suggested Hours |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Surgical Technology Program Completion <b>and</b> certificate verification | ALHLT 1238 Found of ST Practice    | 8               |
|                                                                            | ALHLT 2674 Surgical Procedures I   | 4               |
|                                                                            | ALHLT 2684 Surgical Procedures II  | 4               |
|                                                                            | ALHLT 2698 Surgical Tech Practicum | 8               |
|                                                                            | ALHLT 1225 Intro to ST             | 5               |

#### 7. Documentation Required

To receive consideration for credit, a student must submit:

- Official transcript or program completion record.

- Current TS-C or CST certificate.

## **8. Responsibilities of ODCTE**

ODCTE shall:

- Identify approved Surgical Technology programs and credential pathways.
- Provide program documentation and competency outlines when requested.

## **9. Responsibilities of SWOSU**

SWOSU shall:

- Designate an Allied Health Sciences/Health Information Management faculty or administrative contact for PLA review.
- Review Surgical Technology documentation using established university procedures.
- Determine course equivalencies and credit values.
- Maintain records of credit awarded under this agreement.

## **10. Limitations**

This agreement does not:

- Guarantee admission to SWOSU.
- Guarantee credit for all ODCTE Surgical Technology coursework.
- Override certificate, accreditation, or degree requirements.
- Exceed SWOSU's maximum allowable prior learning or extra-institutional credit limits.

## **11. Term and Review**

This agreement shall become effective on the date of final signature and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by either party in writing. The parties agree to review the agreement at least every two years, or sooner if curriculum, credential standards, or statewide articulation requirements change.

## **Signatures**

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and **Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE)** hereby enter into this articulation agreement on

\_\_\_\_\_ by affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

**Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education**

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Name: Brent Haken

Title: State Director

Entity: Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity: \_\_\_\_\_