# SRTC 250
# Surgical Capstone
3 Credits

# Community College of Baltimore County
# Common Course Outline

## Description

**SRTC 250 – Surgical Capstone:** allows students to transition into the role of the professional surgical technologist. Students discuss a variety of topics to include clinical performance review and feedback, resume writing and interview skills, clinical preceptorship, professional continuing education, current developments in the profession, and review of practice certification results. The course also includes a comprehensive review of the discipline areas to prepare the student for the certification exam.

**Pre-requisites:** SRTC 210
**Co-requisites:** SRTC 278

## Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. evaluate the performance of the clinical preceptor;
2. critique performance in the clinical setting through constructive feedback;
3. employ appropriate constructive feedback techniques;
4. submit a professional resume and cover letter;
5. perform acceptable employment interview techniques;
6. compare traditional and non-traditional employment opportunities for the surgical technologist;
7. outline the benefits of professional memberships and certification;
8. discuss current developments in the profession;
9. interpret performance on the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)'s self-assessment exam (practice certification exam); and
10. formulate a plan of action to review problematic areas of performance on the self-assessment examination.

## Major Topics

I. Clinical experience
    a. Preceptors
    b. Constructive feedback and criticism
II. Employability skills
    a. Professional resume and cover letter
    b. Interview skills and techniques
III. Professionalism
    a. Continuing professional education
    b. Current development and trends

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.
For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

IV. Certification
     a. Guidelines
     b. Benefits
     c. Recommendations
V. Certification exam preparation

## Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Collaborative group project
- Individual written assignment of self-reflection
- Professional resume and cover letter
- Practice certification exam
- NBSTSA CST certification exam

## Other Course Information

As a program completion requirement, all students must take the certification examination on the same date and time, as mandated by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA CST).

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