



THECB Criminal History Notification

Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

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Occupational License:

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) determines, through examination, if an individual has acquired both theoretical and practical knowledge of surgical technology. Approved candidates who take and pass the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination are authorized to use the initials CST as long as they maintain certification currency.

There currently is not an occupational license available for surgical technologists in the state of Texas.

References:

<https://www.nbstsa.org/cst-first-time-applicants>

https://www.nbstsa.org/sites/nbstsa/files/pdf/CST_Candidate_Handbook_2018.pdf

What are the current guidelines issued by the applicable licensing authority (See, [Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 53.025](#))?

A criminal background check is not a requirement for certification. In order to be eligible to sit for the CST exam with the NBSTSA you have to have graduated from a CAAHEP or ABHES accredited Surgical Technology program.

While, criminal history will not affect someone's eligibility for the certification exam, it may, however, affect their ability to complete an accredited ST program or gain employment at a facility. The Association of Surgical Technologist (AST) may be able to assist with regulations and laws regarding criminal offenses and how they affect clinical rotations and employment. AST can be contacted at 800.637.7433.

Are there any other state or local restriction or guideline used by the licensing authority to determine the eligibility of an individual who has been convicted of an offense for an occupational license issued by the licensing authority? If so, who and what are the restrictions or guidelines?

No

What process should the applicant or enrollee follow to request a licensing authority conduct a criminal history evaluation ([Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 53.102](#))?

There is not a process for prospective surgical technologists since it is not a requirement of the credentialing board.

I understand that I am receiving this notice in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas and have reviewed this notice and all linked criteria. I understand that I may not be eligible for licensure or certification based upon any criminal convictions or history prior to, during, or after my educational activities at the Baptist Health System School of Health

Professions. If more information is required, I will contact my program director at the earliest possible convenience.