

Surgical Technology Endorsement

Specifications, Competencies & Requirements

PURPOSE

This endorsement is meant for certified teachers interested in teaching **Surgical Technology** courses. It is attached to a current Utah Educator License with a license area of concentration in **Secondary** or **Career Technical Education (CTE)** Education.

Upon attachment of this endorsement to a Utah educator license, educators will be approved to teach the following USBE courses:

Surgical Technology
Medical Terminology
Health Science Intro
Health Science Capstone

ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite

Demonstrate an understanding of Career and Technical Education (CTE) basics.
CTE Knowledge

Endorsement Competency

Applicants must complete the following competency requirement to hold the professional endorsement.
Current Surgical Technologist Certification

Prior to Teaching Sex Ed

A Utah law and policy course is required per Utah Code 53G-10-403 for all first-year health science educators before teaching sex education and must be renewed every three years. Visit the Health Education page for more details <https://schools.utah.gov/curr/health>.

COMPETENCY DETAILS & DESCRIPTIONS

Prerequisite

1. CTE Knowledge

Demonstrate an understanding of CTE basics:

- Explain how CTE links learning to specific Utah industries and what its main goals are.
- Know the licenses and endorsements needed to teach specific CTE courses.
- Describe how CTE is organized into clusters and pathways at the state, district (LEA), and school levels, and how this helps students succeed after graduation.
- Locate and use the state's strands and standards in lesson plans.

- Explore CTE student organizations (CTSOs) and professional groups and explain how they support students and teachers.
- Explain how advisory boards, with industry members, make sure programs meet job market needs and maintain safe learning environments.
- Understand the basics of securing funding, planning for the program's future, and participating in the state Program of Quality Review (PQR) to ensure program excellence.

Select ***one*** of the following options:

- USBE Course: [CTE Orientation](#)
- Complete THREE years of full-time CTE Teaching in Utah
- Currently hold a professional-level CTE endorsement

Endorsement Competencies

2. Current Surgical Technologist Certification

The individual must possess a current and valid certification as a Certified Surgical Technologist. This certification signifies that the individual has met the required educational and examination standards to perform various tasks in the operating room.

To demonstrate completion of this requirement, the applicant must submit a copy of the Surgical Technologist Certification.