



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

July 29, 2005

RESPONSE DEADLINE: August 19, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected Community College Presidents
Selected Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Delores A. Parker, Vice President
Academic and Student Services

SUBJECT: Revisions to Surgical Technology (A45740)

The System Office has received a request to revise the courses of the above listed program. The requested revisions consist of changing the description of the following three courses:

SUR 110 Introduction to Surgical Technology
SUR 122 Surgical Procedures I
SUR 134 Surgical Procedures II

Please complete the attached vote form and return to Mike Pittman by **Wednesday, August 19, 2005**. All forms should be mailed back.

NO FAXES PLEASE.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Pittman at 919-807-7111 or pittmanm@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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Attachments
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Mr. Mike Pittman

SO5-018
E-mail

**CCL Course Revision Request
SUR 110, 122, 134**

Suggested Revisions:

1. Change course description of SUR 110 Intro to Surg Tech by adding biomedical science to the list of topics in the second sentence of the description.
2. Change course description of SUR 122 Surgical Procedures I by rewording the first two sentences of the description.
3. Change course description of SUR 134 Surgical Procedures II by rewording the entire description.

Rationale of College Requesting Revision:

1. SUR 110: AST Core Curriculum 5th edition states that all surgical programs must add biomedical sciences as content for surgical technology courses. NCASTE needs to reflect this compliance with AST Standards by adding Biomedical Sciences as part of the topics listed for SUR 110. The 5th edition requires rewording of the current CCL content the Surgical Technology programs are to teach.

We have reviewed the proposed revision and **recommend** the adoption of this change for SUR 110

We have reviewed the proposed revision and **do not recommend** the adoption of this change of SUR 110 for the following reason(s):

2. SUR 122: The North Carolina Alliance of Surgical Technology Educators met in October of 2004 to discuss changes that needed to be made to courses in the descriptions for SUR 110, SUR 122, and SUR 134. Surgical Technology programs of North Carolina have varying clinical site needs depending on the size and location of the healthcare institution. Specific surgical procedures covered in spring verses summer semester must take into consideration the clinical site's limitations or variety of certain surgical specialties. Preset surgical procedure content, as the current CCL indicates for these courses, does not promote a cohesive educational plan that can be customized to meet the student's needs or the clinical site's expectations.

We have reviewed the proposed revision and **recommend** the adoption of this change for SUR 122

We have reviewed the proposed revision and **do not recommend** the adoption of this change of SUR 122 for the following reason(s):

3. SUR 134: The North Carolina Alliance of Surgical Technology Educators met in October of 2004 to discuss changes that needed to be made to courses in the descriptions for SUR 110, SUR 122, and SUR 134. Surgical Technology programs of North Carolina have varying clinical site needs depending on the size and location of the healthcare institution. Specific surgical procedures covered in spring versus summer semester must take into consideration the clinical site's limitations or variety of certain surgical specialties. Preset surgical procedure content, as the current CCL indicates for these courses, does not promote a cohesive educational plan that can be customized to meet the student's needs or the clinical site's expectations.

We have reviewed the proposed revision and **recommend** the adoption of this change for SUR 134

We have reviewed the proposed revision and **do not recommend** the adoption of this change of SUR 134 for the following reason(s):

College: _____

Signature of President: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form by **August 19, 2005** to:

Mike Pittman, Director of Special Projects

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