

Riverside City College Anesthesia Technology (AT) Program

The Anesthesia Technology Program prepares students for entry-level practice as anesthesia technologists and anesthesia technicians within the healthcare setting. The program combines classroom instruction, laboratory practice, and supervised clinical experiences to develop the knowledge and technical skills needed to support safe anesthesia care across a variety of patient populations and surgical environments. The program follows Riverside Community College District policies and applicable accreditation and regulatory standards. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Professions (CAAHEP). Upon successful completion of all program requirements, graduates earn the appropriate degree or certificate awarded by Riverside City College and may be eligible to pursue national certification and employment opportunities in anesthesia-related healthcare settings.

Visit our website for more information at <https://www.rcc.edu/pathways/health-related-sciences/anesthesia-technology.html> or contact the program office at 951-222-8407 for current admission and program details. For academic advising, submit ALL official transcripts and make an appointment with an Academic Counselor at 951-222-8440.

Program Overview:

A certificate of achievement and/or an Associate of Science (AS) degree is awarded upon successful completion of the anesthesia technology curriculum.

Application Filing Dates:

First business day of January to the 1st business day of February for the SUMMER term. A total of approximately 20 students will be accepted for the program. Applications may be obtained at the RCC Nursing Program Website during the application filing periods.

Selection Procedures:

Available enrollment spaces are selected by rank order (highest points) based on points earned on the admission scoring criteria.

Requirements for Eligibility:

1. Complete an RCC application on CCCApply and be eligible to attend RCC.
2. Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent (G.E.D., High School Proficiency Examination, associate or bachelor's degree). Official up-to-date transcripts required from all schools attended.
3. A cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 ("C") in all college coursework attempted.
4. An associate degree or higher is required to sit for the state certification exam. Students without a previous degree must complete the required general education coursework*.

*General Education Coursework:

Applicants and students are strongly encouraged to consult a Nursing/Health-Related Sciences Counselor for guidance on selecting the appropriate [Riverside City College General Education Requirements](#) for the Associate of Science degree.

Students who have previously been awarded a bachelor's degree from a U.S. institutionally accredited institution shall be waived from the general education requirement and earn an associate degree upon completion of the AT program.

Students who have previously been awarded an associate degree from a U.S. institutionally accredited institution are not required to complete additional general education.

Other Requirements:

Upon acceptance of the AT program, you are required to complete:

- Health clearance and all required immunizations and titers
- A clear drug screen
- Maintain a valid American Heart Association CPR card
- Completing a criminal background check. The background check requires that students be able to provide a valid Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) number.

Anesthesia Technology Curriculum (27-30 units)

Term	Anesthesia Technology Coursework	Units
Summer	HCA 1 – Professional Aspects of Anesthesia Technology	3.00 units
	HCA 2 – Basic Principles of Anesthesia Technology	4.00 units
	NNA-79 – Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professionals (<i>May be completed before admission</i>)	3.00 units
Fall	HCA 3 – Advanced Principles of Anesthesia Technology	4.00 units
	HCA 4 – Anesthesia Technology Pharmacology	3.00 units
	HCA 5 – Anesthesia Technology Clinical Experience I	5.00 units
Spring	HCA 6 – Anesthesia Technology Clinical Experience II	5.00 units
	HCA 7 – Anesthesia Technology Case Study Development and Program Review	3.00 units

Estimated Program Cost:

• Health Services Fee - \$25.00	• Student Services Fee - \$10.00
• Complio/Background check - \$220.00	• ASATT Student Membership Fee - \$35.00
• Tuition – \$46.00/ unit x 27-30 units	• BCLS - \$100.00
• ACLS - \$250.00	• Books - \$200.00
• Lab Coat \$85.00	• Typhon - \$100.00
• Onboarding fees for clinical assignments – determined by the medical centers	• NCE - \$225.00

Admission Scoring Criteria for Anesthesia Technology Program

	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	Academic degrees or diplomas from U.S. regionally accredited program(s).	15 Points	BS/BA or higher = 15 points AS/AA = 10 points
2	Science Coursework Points will be awarded for only one course in each area: - General Biology or Honor's General Biology (BIO-1, BIO-1H) - General Chemistry (CHE-1A, CHE-1AH, CHE-2A, CHE-3) - Additional Science Course in Anatomy, Physiology, or Microbiology (BIO-45, BIO-50A, BIO-50B, BIO-55)	15 Points	Science courses are not required for admission into the program, but are used to earn extra points (maximum of 15 points for science courses). A = 5 points, B = 3 points, C = 1 point, 0 points for D Points will be awarded for AP credit based on official exam scores. - Score 4-5 = 5 points - Score 3 = 3 points - Score 2 or below = 0 points
3	General Education Courses (See College Catalog) - Area 1A: English Composition - Area 1B: Oral Communications and Critical Thinking - Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning - Area 3: Arts and Humanities - Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences - Area 6: Ethnic Studies	30 Points	General Education Courses are not required for admission, but are used to earn extra points (maximum of 30 points for General Education Courses) Points will be awarded for only one course/general education requirement A = 5 points, B = 3 points, C = 1 point, 0 points for D Points will be awarded for AP credit based on official exam scores. - Score 4-5 = 5 points - Score 3 = 3 points - Score 2 or below = 0 points
4	Professional Certifications	10 Points	Professional Certification = 10 points (Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Radiology Technician, Surgical Technician, Certified Surgical Technologist (CST), Certified Hemodialysis Technician, Acupuncturist, Registered Dental Assistant) Other Allied Health Professions = 5 points (Patient Care Assistant, CMA Courses/Medical Assistant Program, Home Health Aide, Acute Care Course, Telemetry Technician, Electrocardiogram Technician, Cardiac Monitor Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Massage Therapist, Documented Medical Military Experience)
5	Statement of Purpose In 250- 500 words, please explain why you want to become a Certified Anesthesia Technologist?	10 Points	Meets all criteria = 10 points Demonstrates strong sentence structure, grammar, spelling, and syntax. Paragraph(s) effectively address the question. Meets some criteria = 5 points Contains some errors in grammar, spelling, or sentence structure. Paragraph(s) somewhat address the question. Does not meet criteria = 0 points Frequent errors in grammar, spelling, and syntax. Response is brief (e.g., 1–2 sentences).
	Total	/80 points	
Candidates with highest points in criteria #1-5 will be invited to interview with the Anesthesia Technology faculty.			
6	Interview	20 Points	Addresses questions, well thought out answers, expresses enthusiasm, articulate = 20 points Addresses some of the questions, rehearsed answers, difficulty expressing self = 10 points Minimal answers, lacks enthusiasm, inarticulate, disorganized = 0 points
	Total	/100 points	