

# Certified Surgical Technologist

Associated Industries: Health Science

 **Prerequisite Education:** None

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## Description and Labor Market Information

Certified Surgical Technologists are members of surgical teams who work under the delegatory authority and supervision of the surgeon.

This credential was associated with 7 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 24,387 positions with 2,063 annual openings within the state with median hourly earnings of \$28.30.

## Associated Occupations

### *Surgical Technologists*

Median Hourly Earnings: \$28.96

Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award

Total Positions: 353 | Annual Job Openings: 30

### *Registered Nurses*

Median Hourly Earnings: \$53.30

Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Bachelor's degree

Total Positions: 13,375 | Annual Job Openings: 846

### *Medical Assistants*

Median Hourly Earnings: \$18.68

Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award

Total Positions: 4,052 | Annual Job Openings: 524

## Certifying Entity Information

***The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting***

**Website:** [nbstsa.org](http://nbstsa.org)

**Phone:** (800) 707-0057

**Length of Certification Validity:** 2 years

**Associated Costs:** \$290 exam fee.

**Age Requirement:** N/A

## Exam Details and Preparation

**Coursework and Enrollment Requirements:** Complete surgical technology program (1-2 years).

**Local Training/Education Availability:** Kapi'olani Community College

**Local Exam Site:** PSI test center

**Exam Time:** 4 hours. 175 questions.

**Exam Pass Rate:** 69%

# PROMISING CREDENTIALS IN HAWAII

This project has been led by Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education and supported by strategic leadership from the Hawaii Department of Education, University of Hawai'i Community Colleges, Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Kamehameha Schools.

Students in Hawai'i can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawai'i. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawai'i students for future careers and long-term success?

**The 2023 Promising Credentials in Hawai'i report, an updated analysis for our state, identifies the credentials students can earn that actually matter in the real world to local employers.**

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawai'i postsecondary institutions, this project has identified **69 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **284 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 284 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawai'i postsecondary education administrators from across the state completed a survey to validate the credential offerings at their institutions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at:  
[www.hawaiip20.org/resource/promisingcredentials/](http://www.hawaiip20.org/resource/promisingcredentials/)