

## Virginia Surgical Technologist Law, amended April 2023

### § 54.1-2956.12. Registered surgical technologist; use of title; registration.

A. No person shall hold himself out to be a surgical technologist or use or assume the title of "surgical technologist" or "certified surgical technologist," or use the designation "S.T." or any variation thereof, unless such person is certified by the Board. No person shall use the designation "C.S.T." or any variation thereof unless such person (i) is certified by the Board and (ii) has successfully completed an accredited surgical technologist training program and holds a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor.

B. The Board shall certify as a surgical technologist any applicant who presents satisfactory evidence that he:

(i) has successfully completed an accredited surgical technologist training program and holds a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor,

(ii) has successfully completed a training program for surgical technology during the person's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or

(iii) has successfully completed a surgical technologist apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor,

(iv) has successfully completed a hospital-based surgical technologist training program approved by the Board,

(v) has successfully completed a surgical technologist training program through an institution or program accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization **and** holds a current credential as a surgical technologist from an entity approved by the Board\*, or,

(vi) has practiced as a surgical technologist or attended a surgical technologist training program at any time prior to October 1, 2022, provided he registers with the Board by December 31, 2023.

**\*The NBSTSA CST credential is recognized in law under section i, the NCCT TS-C credential was approved by the Board of Medicine in June 2023.**