

Surgical First Assistant

Basic Education and

Minimal Formal Training: Associate's Degree

First Assistant: entry level

Credential by the LCC-ST as a CST/CFA with routes to certification as follows:

- CST with current certification and two full years of first assisting experience during the last four years with a documented 350 surgical cases.
- CST with current certification who has completed an approved first assistant program and can documents 350 surgical cases.

Core SFA Duties and Privileges

Upon demonstration of satisfactory training and certification and after approval by the hospital board, an SFA may be granted privileges to provide care under the sponsorship of a physician(s) with appropriate privileges. The successful applicant should be able to:

- Demonstrate the principles of safe positioning of the surgical patient.
- Provide visualization of the operative site during the operative procedure.
- Demonstrate the proper techniques to assist the surgeon in providing hemostasis.
- Demonstrate the appropriate techniques to assist with closure of body planes.
- Expedite the operative procedure by anticipating the needs of the surgeon.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of normal and pathological anatomy and physiology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of emergency situations.
- Demonstrate superior organizational skills.
- Demonstrate a professional attitude.

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First Assistant: general:

Credential by the LCC-ST as a CST/CFA with currency through documentation of 100 continuing education credits, 30 of which must be in the advanced category, within a six-year time frame as defined in the *AST Continuing Education Guidelines*. Able to produce documentation of ACLS credentials.

Core SFA Duties and Privileges

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- Provide visualization of the operative site during the operative procedure.
- Demonstrate the proper techniques to assist the surgeon in providing hemostasis.
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First Assistant: specialist:

CST/CFA with currency. Associate's Degree in surgical technology or a related science or health science field, or eight years of professional experience in the role of the first assistant. Documentation of a minimum of 150 surgical cases within the defined specialty area. Documentation or demonstration of other advanced-level expertise related to the defined specialty area. Documentation of ACLS credentials. Documentation as a professional provider of education to other surgical technology students, CSTs, CST, CFAs, or other health care providers.

Core SFA Duties and Privileges

Upon demonstration of satisfactory training and certification and after approval by the hospital board, an SFA may be granted privileges to provide care under the sponsorship of a physician(s) with appropriate privileges. The successful applicant should be able to:

- Demonstrate all competencies required for the first assistant: generalist.

- Demonstrate advanced knowledge in the surgical anatomy and physiology related to his or her specialty area.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge in the surgical pathology and procedures related to his or her specialty area.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge of patient-care techniques related to his or her specialty area.

Reappointment:

Reappointment should be based on unbiased, objective results of care according to the hospital's clinical outcomes mechanisms. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she has maintained competence by demonstrating that he or she has met the hospital's minimum requirements for Surgical First Assistant privileges.

Other

Other privileges requested for which you have current clinical competence may be listed below. Documentation of training and/or experience must be provided for any special privileges requested.

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Name

Date