2015-2016
Annual-End-of-Year Committee Report

Committee Name: Surgical Technology Program

Chairperson: Becky Awtrey, RN

List of members: Alvita Foster, CST, Recorder, Bonnie Beavers, RN, Delayne Crow, CST, CSFA, LSA, Amanda Crow, RN, Tami Ferguson, RN, David Huang, MD, Madison Lewis, Student, Jerry Myers, MD, Rhonda Pate, CST, Terry Porter, CST, and Shane Smith, Community Member.

Dates of meetings: November 5, 2015 and April 19, 2016

Accomplishments:
- **Reviewed and updated Program Outcomes, General Education and SCANS Matrices to include reviewing and approving the ST Program Handbook.**
- **Reviewed program curriculum, evaluated facilities, equipment, and technology, with advice on selection of new equipment and technology.**
- **Reviewed professional development of faculty, recruiting efforts for the program, evaluated the needs of students from special populations, and recruitment/retention of the underrepresented gender in a gender-bias program.**
- **Reviewed CAAHEP Accreditation Outcomes for Retention, CST exam pass/participation rate, Job Placement, Graduate and Employer Surveys return/satisfaction rate.**
- **2015-16 Program**
  - **8 students started and 6 completed for a 75% retention rate**
  - **5 of 6 students passed the CST exam for an 83% pass rate with 100% participation rate**
  - **5 of 6 students placed in ST employment prior to graduation for an 83% placement rate to date. CAAHEP allows up to one year for job placement of graduates.**
  - **2013/2014 Graduate Surveys reviewed—100% Satisfaction Rate with an 89% Return Rate**
  - **2013/2014 Employer Surveys reviewed—89% Satisfaction Rate with an 100% Return Rate**
- **New Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology degree awarded in December 2015, May 2016, and August 2016. A total of 29 past graduates and 1 graduate from August 2016 class received the new degree.**

Recommendations:
- **Start planning for the elimination of the Certificate of Completion track for completion by August 2021 as required by CAAHEP.**
- **Continue to deliver the program curriculum with the current policies while monitoring program Outcomes required for CAAHEP and the THECB to ensure compliance.**

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