

**CST/TS-C to SFA Bridge  
Student Planning Guide**

**Please complete, in full, and submit this form with your online application.** As an Instructor, I want to be sure that you have been fully informed and understand the career field that you have chosen, so that you can be successful in the completion of this program. For further information about the profession, please visit the GCSC Surgical First Assistant program page at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-division/health-sciences/surgical-technology/index.html> or the Association of Surgical Assistants at <https://www.surgicalassistant.org/>. If you still have questions, please contact Brittany Page, Surgical Services Program Coordinator at [bpage2@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:bpage2@gulfcoast.edu), or 850.873.3551.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: A# \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe what you can expect to earn as a Surgical First Assistant.

Per Hour \_\_\_\_\_ Per Year \_\_\_\_\_ Call pay if hospital setting? \_\_\_\_\_

In Florida or locally? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want to travel? \_\_\_\_\_

What about other areas of the country? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you want to be a Surgical First Assistant?

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4. What are your goals 5 years from now?

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**BE SURE YOU HAVE THE TIME TO COMMIT TO BE SUCCESSFUL.** Our goal is to help you plan for all of the things you will need to succeed. You need to plan for and consider these resources to minimize your stress and be successful. Do you currently have the following?

Family support:

Transportation:

Tuition/fee/supplies:

Living expenses/ bill management:

Computer resources for online segments (computer with camera, internet access, etc.)