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## **EITC'S SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AWARDED CONTINUING ACCREDITATION**

**IDAHO FALLS, Idaho** – The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has awarded Eastern Idaho Technical College's (EITC) Surgical Technology program **continuing accreditation**. The commission commended EITC for its commitment to quality education and recognized the "Surg-Tech" program for complying with the national accreditation standards.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, American College of Surgeons, and The Association of Surgical Technologists. The recent peer review was conducted by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors. The next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled to occur in 2020.

Surgical Technologists are in high demand. This occupation is one of the fastest growing in the U.S. today. A Surgical Technologist is an allied health professional dedicated to assisting surgeons in operating rooms, surgical centers, and any other health care facility. Many jobs are available in hospital operating rooms and surgery centers throughout the country. The national average wage ranges from \$12-\$20 an hour and is rising with demand. Areas of specialization include: open heart surgery, neurosurgery, organ procurement, plastic surgery, gynecological surgery, orthopedic surgery and general surgery.

Eastern Idaho Technical College offers a two year Associate Degree in Surgical Technology.

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