

## Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

September 22, 2025

Tricia Paramore, PhD President Hutchinson Community College 1300 North Plum Street Hutchinson, KS 67501

Dear Dr. Paramore:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a recent Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accreditation decision for the program listed below. The CAAHEP decision was based upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

**Program Sponsor:** Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS **Program Name:** Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology

**Accreditation Status Conferred:** Continuing **Status Effective Date:** September 19, 2025

**Next Evaluation: 2035** 

Standards Version Used for Evaluation: 2023 Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation

of Educational Programs in Surgical Technology

Standards Cited: II.B. Program Goals - Program Advisory Committee

Progress Report Due Date: October 24, 2025

The program must submit a progress report demonstrating compliance with the cited Standards by the specified date. The addendum provided to the program sponsor includes submission requirements and detailed information about the citations, specifying the areas of non-compliance and documentation required to demonstrate compliance. The addendum is available upon written request. Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citations may result in a change to the program's CAAHEP accreditation status.

CAAHEP accreditation does not expire. The accreditation status conferred is effective until another accreditation status is approved by the CAAHEP Board of Directors. The program listing on the CAAHEP website contains the most current information regarding accredited programs.

Approved satellite locations, if applicable, are in the program listing on the CAAHEP website.

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The ARC/STSA conducts comprehensive and ongoing quality reviews, including review of the required progress report, to ensure program compliance with the *Standards* and accreditation policies and procedures. Findings of non-compliance may lead to a change in accreditation status. Profession-specific CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines, Policies and Procedures, and more information can be found on our website, <a href="https://www.caahep.org">www.caahep.org</a>.

The commission recognizes your organization's commitment to quality health professions education, as demonstrated by your participation in CAAHEP accreditation.

Sincerely,

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President

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