



## **SURG 234 Prin of Surgical Assisting section name section credit hours**

**Credits**

**Syllabus**

## Course Information

**Meeting times and location:** section meeting\_times section location

**Catalog description:** Course provides an in-depth study of the Surgical First Assistant role including history, professional, legal, moral, and ethical responsibilities. Review of healthcare facility information, documentation, and risk management. Topics include instrument usage, trocar/incisions, tissue handling, dissection, exposure, hemostasis, retraction, suturing, wound healing, tissue replacement materials, irrigation, specimen care, catheter/drain placement, surgical hazard management, IV fluid/auto-transfusion techniques, medication administration, and wound management. Patient care skills include interview/history techniques, physical assessment, diagnostic exams, planning, patient education, patient monitoring, and perioperative patient care skills. Application of principles includes: the technological sciences, infection control, sterile technique, disinfection and sterilization and problem solving regarding the prevention and treatment of potential complications or emergencies

**Prerequisites:** Take SURG-229, SURG-230, SURG-233;

**Terms offered:** Fall and Spring

**Section-specific Course Description:**

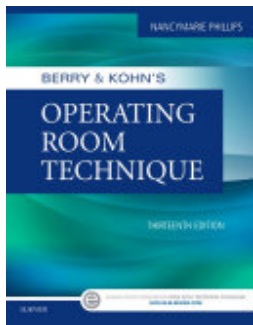
## Course Level Objectives

This course introduces students to the ethics, language, techniques and instrumentation in the profession of Surgical Assisting. At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Correlate surgical anatomy to surgery of the various body systems.
2. Compare and contrast normal anatomy to the pathophysiology as it relates to surgical procedures.

3. Demonstrate an understanding of evaluating diagnostic images as related to surgical anatomy.
4. Apply Basic Science Component.
5. Analyze ethical and Moral responsibilities relevant to the surgical assistant.
6. Interpret legal responsibilities relevant to the surgical assistant.
7. Demonstrate listening and communication skills.
8. Apply interpersonal skills at the workplace.
9. Identify methods of stress management.
10. Evaluate preoperative methods.
11. Demonstrate and understanding of the role of the surgical assistant in preparing and evaluating preoperative check list.
12. Assess potential intraoperative instability factors.

## Required Texts and/or Materials



**Berry & Kohn's Operating Room Technique**  
9780323399272  
Nancymarie Phillips  
Elsevier Health Sciences  
2016-03-04

## Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

## Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For tickets and password reset: [San Juan College Help Desk](#)

For Canvas support information: [Canvas Support](#)

# Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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## Course Requirements

Students will do the following activities:

1. Have required textbooks and workbooks, packets, lab supplies listed under required textbooks.
2. Complete and submit written assignments by announced due dates.
3. Take all examinations and quizzes on the dates administered. Make up exams will be given only under certain circumstances with a reduction in the grade by 10%.
4. Practice procedures and perform demonstrations satisfactorily.
5. Participate in class and lab discussions and activities.
6. Maintain proper appearance and professional dress.
7. Maintain professional behavior
8. Meet specific objectives for each laboratory experience consistently.
9. Follow safety procedures and guidelines.

Read and verify understanding of San Juan College, Surgical First Assist Student Handbook

## COVID Safe Practices for Being on Campus

Masks / cloth face coverings must be worn while on campus in accordance with the New Mexico public health order. If you feel that you cannot wear a mask due to health complications, please contact Disabilities Services:

[disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu) or call (505) 566-3271. Hand sanitizer stations are at all building entrances, please “wash in, wash out”--clean your hands when you enter and before you leave. Classrooms and labs have been arranged to allow for social distancing; please respect your classmates and instructors by staying 6 feet away from everyone. You will be expected to disinfect your table or area prior to class and after class, cleaning products will be provided for this purpose. Check with your instructor for specific policies for their course. Please do not congregate in hallways or common areas, instead utilize our beautiful outside spaces and weather to visit with your friends and colleagues from a safe distance.

If you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, has symptoms, or is waiting on test results, contact your instructor and DO NOT come to

class. If you have tested positive, have symptoms or are waiting on test results, contact your instructor and DO NOT come to class. Your health care provider or the assigned contact tracer will let you know when it is safe for you to be around others.

## Student Support

### **Student Services and Support**

The Student Support webpage provides information on counseling, tutoring, technical support, and many other support services available to San Juan College students.

[Student Support](#)

### **Academic Support**

Academic Support webpage provides information on academic advising, the library, Testing Center, and the honors program.

[Academic Support](#)

## Participation and Attendance Policy

1. Attendance to didactic and lab is an integral part of student learning. When a student misses more than three days of didactic and lab then this interferes with the student's ability to understand the material. Attendance will be documented thoroughly and if a student has an unexcused absence then this could adversely affect the grade for the course.

2. Tardy attendance is disruptive not only to the instructor, but to peers. Please be ready to begin class at the designated time

1 Unexcused Absence-----Counseling

2 Unexcused Absences-----Verbal Warning

3 Unexcused Absences-----Written Warning

After 3 Unexcused Absences Student Will Be Dropped from Course.

## Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner at all times. All academic assignments, including papers, tests, or other assignments, are

to be the work of the individual student. The following are examples of unethical or unprofessional behavior:

- Plagiarism
- Unprofessional behavior in communication with faculty and staff
- Completing an assignment for another student in part or in whole

#### Consequences

Any student who acts in an unethical manner will receive a failing grade. Any second academic incident or unprofessional communication with staff or faculty can result in administrative termination from the Institute. Students who were withdrawn due to poor student conduct may not be reconsidered to re-enroll.

## Canvas Participation and Expectations

Because assignments and notifications are posted in Canvas, you should check into Canvas daily Monday-Sunday. Majority of communications will be through Canvas email unless otherwise specified.

## Instructor Response Time

1. The preferred method of contact for notifying instructor of absence or late arrival is phone call.
2. The preferred method of contact for all other reasons is email. You will receive a response within 72 hours, sometimes sooner.
3. If you need immediate assistance, we may not be available due to clinical schedules or other issues. You may attempt to reach us by phone or text, however, we advise you to plan ahead. Again, the maximum response time is 72 hours.
4. In addition, please be aware that if you send an email from CANVAS, the response may return to your SJC Student email address. Therefore, it is advised that you email us from an address that you will check. Please allow a minimum of 72 hours for a response.

## Course Time Commitment

Students should expect to spend 18-24 hours or more per week for course work of class to be successful in this program.

## Grading

Final grades are calculated based on the following...

Here is a sample of one formatting option:

What does it mean to weight a grade? When grades are weighted, some assignments (e.g. Final Exam) or categories of assignments (e.g. Quizzes) count more than others. Why not just assign more points to the things that are harder? In a perfect world this would work. However, there is far more flexibility in weighting grades. If an instructor decides that quizzes should make up 25% of the total points in a course, it doesn't matter whether there is 1 quiz, 5 quizzes or, heaven forbid, 50 quizzes. The total points earned for the quizzes still makes up 25% of the final grade. If an instructor decides to increase or decrease the workload based on the particular needs of any group of students, weighted grades make that easy. In a scenario where grades are weighted by category and the number of assignments in a category changes, no changes to the course points or course guide would be necessary. If, on the other hand, the point system was used, and a change to the course assignments is needed, the total points for the class would change and the course guide would need to be updated. How are the points for a weighted item calculated? Multiply each score over the total points possible by the weight. For example, the midterm is worth 100 points. If you earned 90/100 the calculation would be  $.25(90/100) = .225$ . Expressed as a percent, you earned 22.5%

Grading Scale:

A = 90% or higher

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 59 or below.

## Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

## Course Schedule

See Canvas Weekly Schedule.

## College Policies

The following information also applies to your work in this class. If you have special needs for campus emergency situations, please inform me immediately.

## 1. **Academic Accommodations - American with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

If you believe you need academic accommodations due to physical or learning disabilities, you are encouraged to inform them as soon as possible. The coordinator can work with you in verifying your disabilities and developing accommodation strategies. Please go to [Disability Services Office](#), click the button for “Request for Services” and complete all the steps.

You can also contact the college’s disability coordinator in the Advising/Counseling Center at 566-3271 or [disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu). More information is available on the website listed above.

## 2. **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

Your personal information and grade are confidential. Aside from routine reporting to the college required for this course, I will not share such information with anyone unless I have your permission.

## 3. **Academic Honesty Rules**

San Juan College expects all students to adhere to the [Academic Honesty Rules](#) as posted online. These are the official guidelines for all classes at San Juan College (July 2006).

## 4. **Student Conduct Statement**

College is preparation for professional opportunities, and professional conduct is expected in courses, including online classes, as well as any written communications, and interactions with members of the college community. As part of our learning community, students are expected to interact and communicate in a mature, respectful, thoughtful, and supportive manner. Students who demonstrate disrespectful, hostile, belittling, bullying or other disruptive behavior will be subject to potential consequences and possible dismissal from the college. The college will take appropriate action when students demonstrate threatening behavior (to others or self). Students should refer to the Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook for additional information.

## 5. **Student Safety**

Keeping students safe is a priority, and part of that is ensuring that we have the ability to communicate emergency messages – whether for school closures due to weather or for more or urgent situations. Rave is San Juan College’s emergency messaging system. Through your SJC student email, you will automatically receive email messages, however, it is also vital that you receive text messages. In order to receive the messages, you must register in a simple process with [Rave](#). When registering, please make sure that your mobile status is “confirmed.”

The Department of Public Safety is available 24 hours per day. In an emergency, they can be accessed by calling 215-3091 or 566-3333.

In the event of an emergency, a Rave message will be sent, and depending on the situation, you will be instructed to do one of the following:

- Evacuate the building
- Shelter in place (Campus doors are locked, and operations continue as normal. During this situation, no one other than law enforcement is allowed in or out of the campus.)
- Lockdown (Campus doors are locked. All operations cease, and you should take cover in your immediate area. No one other than law enforcement is allowed in or out of the campus.)

## 6. **Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Retaliation.**

San Juan College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, genetic, veteran's status, or on the basis of any other category protected under federal, state and local laws. If you have experienced sexual harassment, sexual assault, or any other form of protected class discrimination, we encourage you to make a report. If you report to a faculty member, she/he/they are obligated by policy to share knowledge, notice, and/or reports of harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation with the Title IX Coordinator. These disclosures include but are not limited to reports of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. You may also make a confidential report to a SJC Counselor. Please refer to San Juan College's [Title IX](#) site for further details.

San Juan College's Title IX Coordinator is Stacey Allen, Assistant Director of Human Resources/Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer. The office is located at the Educational Services Center Building, 2nd Floor, Human Resources, Room 4243 at (505) 566-3515 or [allens@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:allens@sanjuancollege.edu).

## 7. **Drop for Non-Attendance and/or Non-Participation**

### **Class Attendance and Participation Expectation:**

Face-to-Face -- Students are expected to attend and participate in class regularly. Any student missing more than 10% of consecutive class time, (For example, in a regular 15-week class that meets twice a week, this equates to the student missing 3 consecutive classes) without consultation with the instructor may be considered as having abandoned the course.

On-line -- Students are expected to participate regularly and submit all course assignments, based on the course guide definition. A student who does not submit any assignments during a consecutive 10% of the course (1.5 weeks of a 15-week semester) without consulting the instructor, may be considered as having abandoned the course. Logging in does not meet the attendance standard.



Competency-Based Education Classes -- Students are expected to have regular and substantive interactions with their instructor and to actively work on course content. A student who has not submitted coursework, nor had substantive interactions with the instructor over a consecutive 10% of the term, without the instructor's prior approval, will be considered to have abandoned the competency progression. Last date of attendance will be recorded as the last date that coursework was submitted or that the student met with the instructor. For on-line learners, logging in does not meet the attendance standard.

#### **8. Failure to Meet Class Participation Expectation:**

Students who fail to meet participation expectations will have their last date of attendance recorded. This date will be used to recalculate any financial aid received/veteran's benefits received, and the student may be required to repay the institution/government. If the student does not drop the course, an 'X' grade will be recorded. An 'X' grade impacts the grade point average the same as an 'F'.

#### **9. Grading Policies**

##### **Incomplete: Incomplete Grade Assignment ([Incomplete Grades Information](#))**

The grade of I (Incomplete) is given for passing work that could not be completed during the semester because of circumstances beyond the student's control. Ordinarily, the assignment of an I is given by the course instructor at the time final grades are due

In no case is an I grade to be used to avoid assignment of D or F grades for marginal or failing work or to require a student to enroll in the class the next semester because work was not completed on time. Circumstances warranting the issuance of an I grade must be beyond the student's control and must be documented on the appropriate form prior to approval.

I grades can be removed only during the subsequent 16 weeks from the end of term, or within the time limit set by the instructor. Removal of an I is accomplished by completing the work in a manner acceptable to the instructor. Re-enrollment in the course under the repeat option does not remove the prior grade of I. Students should not re-enroll for the course. An I not made up within 16 weeks or within the time limit set by the instructor will change to an F grade thereafter and cannot be changed by work completion.

## 10. **Grade Appeals**

The policy for grade appeals is in the Academic Catalog. ([Grade Appeal Policy](#))

## Student Handbook

The Student Handbook provides information on Student support, student organizations, and San Juan College policies.

[Student Handbook](#)

## Program Handbook

Provided upon acceptance into program.