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North-West College Excels During Recent Accreditation Visit for Surgical Technologist Program
Accreditation Visit Validates Quality of College's Hands-on Training

WEST COVINA, Calif.—On April 4 and 5, the [Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting](#) (ARC/STSA) evaluated North-West College's Surgical Technologist program at its Santa Ana campus. Working in collaboration with the [Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs](#) (CAAHEP), the council subjected the program to a rigorous, two-day inspection as part of its initial accreditation process.

"One of the ways we validate whether we are preparing students well is by seeking outside evaluation of our programs through the programmatic accreditation process," explained Corporate Director of Compliance Ann Marie McGuinness-Leary. "At the close of their visit, the ARC/STSA evaluation team members noted several areas of strength in the Surgical Technologist program at our Santa Ana campus and found no areas of non-compliance."

Designed to equip students with real-world experience, the [Surgical Technologist program](#) pairs quality classroom instruction with hands-on training, giving students the opportunity to put their newfound knowledge into practice. To further ensure the preparedness of College graduates, the program also includes an externship component—allowing students to work with clinical partners in hospital and surgical centers prior to graduation from the program. North-West College students graduate equipped to hit the ground running as entry-level practitioners in their field.

"At North-West College, one of our Core Values is: We Will Always Remain Totally Compliant with Our Regulators," McGuinness-Leary shared. "This latest accreditation visit attests to the quality of the programs offered at NWC. It's also a testament to the Team Members at our [Santa Ana campus](#), who work diligently to ensure that we provide our students with a quality program—and that our students are trained to be valuable employees for the health care community."

About North-West College

Founded in 1966, North-West College has been committed to training individuals to enter and advance in the health care field for 50 years. A leader in allied health education, the College offers 12 short-term programs at seven campuses throughout Southern California, including West Covina, Pomona Valley, Pasadena, Glendale, Riverside, Santa Ana, and Long Beach. Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), North-West College offers a supportive educational environment for those ready to start a health care career. To date, the College has graduated more than 45,000 students—individuals who have gone on to raise the standard of excellence at health care organizations of all types.

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