

# **Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE) for Surgical Technology**



## **Mission Statement**

The Testing Center helps support the institutional mission of South Plains College by supporting student retention and success by providing examinations and resources to assist academic and professional advancement to students and externally to the community. The Testing Center is committed to maintain the highest compliance with nationally recognized professional testing standards and practices, safeguarding confidentiality of student records, and creating an optimal testing environment. Within this framework, the Testing Center:

- Provides a public service by offering computer-based and/or paper-pencil testing services
- Provides assistance to various campus offices in helping students meet their needs for different programs
- Administers national and professional entrance, certification and advanced-standing examinations available to the college and community
- Provides a facility conducive to a quality testing environment which will be clean, comfortable, quiet, aesthetically pleasing and user-friendly
- Subscribes to the National College Testing Association's (NCTA's) Professional Standards and Guidelines for Post-Secondary Test Centers

The Testing Center additionally supports student retention and success by:

- Administering appropriate exams to determine initial course placement
- Referring students to appropriate resources for test preparation and registration

## **Privacy and Confidentiality**

The privacy and confidentiality of all examinee personal information is critical. The test center does not maintain personal files on examinees; nor is information released to any third party or agency or any client receiving services at the test center. Communication of examinee information is restricted to the following: the examinee and the test center; the test center and the test provider; the examinee and the test provider; and the examinee and others as the examinee permits in a written statement.

## **Security**

The Test Center at South Plains College has security measures in place intended to protect against the misuse and alteration of testing materials under our control. Our computer network access to the infrastructure is protected by a firewall protection system. Audio and video taping of examinee information is regarded with confidentiality and privacy.

## **Examinees**

No examinee is permitted access to any area of the test center that contains secure test materials or equipment.

# Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE) Information For Surgical Technology

## Testing can be completed in any order:

- Applicants need to be compliant in all areas according to South Plains College policy. At SPC, the TSIA2 Assessment is the test used to determine college readiness in reading, writing and math to meet the state requirements **if not exempt.**
- **HOAE** must be taken before application deadline **July 1 each year.** Scores expire yearly and need to be retaken every year the examinee applies. Examinees are allowed a total of three attempts in an application period. There are no pre-requisite courses. Former pre-requisite courses have been integrated in the degree plan. Students can take general education courses before being accepted into the program (any classes not labeled SRGT, HPRS or VNSG).

**Cost of the HOAE test:** Fees are non-refundable: (subject to change).

\* Client Proctored: \$68.00 \* Home Proctored \$85.00

**For the test day examinees must pre-register with PSB to receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) email** from PearsonVUE (PV). A **PSB ID** is **Required** to test. (even for a client proctored exam).

**TSIA2 Assessment scores needed to pass (if not compliant or exempt):**

**Math:** 950 **OR** 949 or lower with diagnostic level 6

**ELAR:** 945 m/c with Essay of 5 **OR** 944 or lower on m/c with Essay of 5–8 and ABE 5–6

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## Study links may be found at:

<http://www.psbtests.com/web/guest/test-resources>

<http://cfcc.edu/learninglab/placement-test-preparation/psb/2/>

[https://www.test-preparation.ca/psb/psb\\_practice/?amp](https://www.test-preparation.ca/psb/psb_practice/?amp)

**SPC – Learning Express – Click on Centers in the toolbar then College Center Plus**

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/learningexpresslibrary/libraryhome?aspxerrorpath=%2F>

## How to Register for the HOAE

To register **you must have an application on file with South Plains College, a valid picture ID** (i.e., driver's license, state ID, military, passport, current school ID).

1. **Go to website:** <http://www.registerblast.com/reese>
  2. On the **Exam Registration** page, choose "Health Occupations Aptitude Exam" from the **group** listed.
  3. Choose "**HOAE for Surgical Technology – Reese Center**" from the **exam** drop down menu.
  4. Select a test date from the drop-down menu. All available test dates will be displayed in **bold**. Test dates will close three (3) business days before or if seating capacity is reached. If necessary, click the left/right arrows to move to a different month.
  5. Select the **time** from the list of time slots available in the drop-down box.
  6. **Enter the test taker's information.**
  7. Read the **Exam guideline acknowledgement** in the scroll box. Acknowledge the information by **clicking the check box underneath the scroll box.**
  8. Enter the test taker's phone number, date of birth and South Plains College Student ID number. The SPC student ID number can be located when you log onto MySPC and click on Colleague Self-Service.
  9. Select **ADD TO CART**
  10. The next page will show the test taker's cart. Please check to make sure the test, date, time, and location are correct. Test taker has the option of adding another exam or checking out.
  11. If checking out, **complete the billing information** and click **Purchase Exams.**
  12. Once you click **Register**, and your transaction is completed, a confirmation of your registration will appear on the next page. When you receive the email confirmation of your registration, please print it. **You must present the printed email on the day of the test.**
- \*For test day:** students need to check the email they registered with. There will be an email from [support@psbttests.com](mailto:support@psbttests.com). Check spam or junk folder if not located in inbox. Follow **ALL** instructions in order to **pre-register with PSB. Once pre-registered, you should receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) email from PearsonVUE (PV).** All examinees must have their PV account set up correctly in order to start the test (even for a client proctored exam).
13. **Check in time for the test begins 30 minutes before start time. Late examinees will not be admitted into the testing room. All test fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.**
  14. **You must leave all prohibited items in your vehicle or at home. Prohibited items in the Testing Center include, but are not limited to: all electronic devices, cell phones, smart watches, calculators, packages, bags, hats/caps, sunglasses, drinks, food, any weapon, pen, paper and any unauthorized aids. If an electronic device is activated during the test, or if a student is found with a prohibited item, scores may be canceled, and it will affect future ability to test at South Plains College.**
  15. Examinees intending to test remotely must email requests to [testing@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:testing@southplainscollege.edu) – **DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE FOR REMOTE TESTING**
  16. Veterans and active-duty students call in your registration at 806.716.4689 or 806.716.4631.

# **Information about the Health Occupations Aptitude Test**

## **Total exam time = 166 minutes**

### **Part 1 – Academic Aptitude**

Academic aptitude as measured by the total (combined subtests), might be thought of as a type of ability to learn. The test content is specifically adapted for appraising the combination of innate and acquired abilities that are needed for the work of an academic nature. The academic aptitude total emphasizes familiar experiences and concepts while requiring careful reasoning and the capacity to comprehend and draw conclusions.

Verbal: the verbal aspect consists of vocabulary-related test questions. Empirical evidence has shown this type of test item to be highly related to academic success.

Arithmetic: the numerical aspect consists of the items drawing largely from arithmetic. To some degree, it involves skill with arithmetical concepts along with the computational speed. The content of the numerical items is that to which practically all eighth-grade students have been exposed.

Nonverbal: the nonverbal aspect consists of test items calling for a comprehension of form relationships. Measurement is in terms of the ability to manipulate “things” mentally, to reason out differences in pictured objects, and to deal with concrete materials through visualization. Recognition of relationships and of differences has been shown by research to be basic to learning aptitude.

### **Part 2 – Spelling**

The spelling test measures skill with a tool essential to written expression or communication. It also reflects education's achievement in basic tools of learning.

### **Part 3 – Reading Comprehension**

This test measures the ability to understand direct statements, interpret written expression, see the author's intent, observe organization of ideas, and to extract information from written material with respect to ideas and purposes; thus, read and comprehend what is read.

### **Part 4 – Information in the Natural Sciences**

Measurement with this test concerns accumulation of information in the natural sciences, i.e., biology, chemistry, health, safety, etc., at a fundamental level. The relationship of knowledge in the area of natural sciences to the course of study of the allied health educational is an obvious one.

### **Part 5 – Vocational Adjustment Index**

The person's characteristic lifestyle is reflected in his or her distinctive educational and occupational adjustment. Feelings, attitudes, opinions, and other personality characteristics and behavioral traits, which may be quite acceptable in many situations, may not be those desirable for the prospective healthcare professional either as a student or a practitioner.

## General Test Taking Tips:

- Get plenty of sleep the night before. Lack of adequate rest the night before will affect your efficiency.
- Relax. Too much worry and anxiety are neither necessary nor helpful.
- Mobilize your self-confidence; be positive, your attitude is important!
- Report illness, excessive fatigue, or other conditions that would be a hindrance, prior to beginning the test.
- Take care of any personal needs before the testing begins.
- You are allowed restroom breaks during the exam. Inform your proctor before leaving the testing room.

## Specific Tips:

- Listen carefully to the oral directions that are given to you.
- Read the General Instructions carefully and follow them exactly.
- Plan for maximum use of the time allotted for each part of the examination.
- Instructions for each part of the examination must be read and interpreted within given time limits.
- The directions are simple and should be read quickly but be sure you understand how to proceed within the particular section.
- Read the questions carefully.
- **Scores are based on correct answers.**
- Work rapidly and answer as many questions as possible.
- Incorrect or blank answers do not affect the score.
- Do not waste time puzzling over a difficult question.
- While the test questions are arranged in approximate order of difficulty, some earlier questions may be more difficult for you than later ones.
- When you have finished the easier questions, if there is time left, go back to any question you may have skipped in that part of the examination.
- If you change an answer to a question, be sure the change is justified.
- An educated, reasoned guess may be worthwhile.
- **Scores will be returned from PSB in 24 hours. A copy of scores will be sent to the student and their Program Director.**



## HOAE Schedule

*FALL 2022 APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2022*

**Please contact Kristie Cole regarding any questions  
at [kcole@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:kcole@southplainscollege.edu).**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday	February 3, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Wednesday	February 16, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Wednesday	March 9, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Thursday	March 24, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Monday	March 28, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Wednesday	April 6, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Thursday	April 14, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Thursday	April 21, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Wednesday	April 27, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Tuesday	May 17, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Friday	May 20, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Tuesday	May 24, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Thursday	June 2, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Wednesday	June 8, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Thursday	June 16, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Monday	June 20, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Thursday	June 23, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>
Wednesday	June 29, 2022	10:00 AM	<u>Reese</u>

**Test Fee: \$68.00**