

Surgical Case Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 120 cases as delineated below:

A. GENERAL SURGERY CASES

- a. Students must complete a minimum of 30 cases in General Surgery; 20 which must be performed in the First Scrub Role. The remaining 10 cases may be performed in either the First or Second Scrub Role.

B. SPECIALTY CASES

- a. Students must complete a minimum of 90 cases in various surgical specialties, excluding General Surgery; 60 which must be performed in the First Scrub Role. The additional 30 cases may be performed in either the First or Second Scrub Role.
 - i. A minimum of 60 surgical specialty cases must be performed in the First Scrub Role and distributed amongst a **minimum** of **four** surgical specialties.
 1. A minimum of 10 cases in the First Scrub Role must be completed in each of the required minimum of **four** surgical specialties (40 cases total required).
 2. The additional 20 cases in the First Scrub Role may be distributed amongst any one surgical specialty or multiple surgical specialties.
 - ii. The remaining 30 surgical specialty cases may be performed in any surgical specialty either in the First or Second Scrub Role.

C. OPTIONAL SURGICAL SPECIALTIES

- a. Diagnostic endoscopy cases and vaginal delivery cases are **not** mandatory. However, up to 10 diagnostic endoscopic cases and 5 vaginal delivery cases can be counted toward the maximum number of Second Scrub Role cases.
 - i. Diagnostic endoscopy cases **must** be documented in the category of “Diagnostic Endoscopy”, rather than by specialty.
 - ii. Vaginal delivery cases **must** be documented in the category of “Labor & Delivery” rather than in the OB/GYN specialty.
- b. Case experience in the Second Scrub Role is **not** mandatory.
- c. Observation cases **must** be **documented**, but do not count towards the 120 required cases.
- d. Counting cases
 - i. Cases will be counted and documented according to surgical specialty (exception being diagnostic endoscopic cases; refer to II. C.1.a. above).
 - ii. Examples of counting cases
 1. Trauma patient requires a splenectomy and repair of a Lefort I fracture. Two cases can be counted and documented since the splenectomy is general surgery specialty and repair of LeFort I is oral-maxillofacial surgical specialty.
 2. Patient requires a breast biopsy followed by mastectomy. It is one pathology, breast cancer, and the specialty is general surgery; therefore, it is counted and documented as one procedure – one case.
 3. Endoscopic cases that convert to an open case (e.g.: Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy converted to an Open Cholecystectomy) are counted and documented as one (1) procedure—one case.