

Surgical tech: One of health care's most in-demand jobs, Health First is recruiting to fill half-dozen such openings

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MELBOURNE (Feb. 2, 2024) — Who knew one of the hottest careers in the market today can be found at a hospital near you?

Soliant Health, a health-care staffing company, has recently completed an analysis of five of the most in-demand jobs for 2024.

Including data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, Soliant reported surgical technologists (or surgical techs) to be among the most in-demand careers — in addition to audiologists, radiation therapists, respiratory therapists, and occupational therapists.

This is good news for someone looking to start a career in health care in the Brevard County area. Even better news — Health First has approximately a half dozen surgical technician opportunities currently available.

What is a surgical tech?

A surgical tech performs a variety of technical activities related to patient care, as well as supporting activities in the operating room under the direction of a registered nurse, including:

- Preparing rooms with appropriate instruments, sutures, supplies, and equipment; open sterile supplies and arrange sterile setups for operations
- Creating, maintaining, and terminating a sterile field for surgical procedures
- Properly handling and caring for all instruments

and equipment

- Checking materials and equipment for proper functioning, safety, and adequacy
- Cooperate with the lead operating room nurse in the individualized plan of care for each patient
- Anticipating the needs of surgeon and surgical assistants in the operating room, passing instruments, sutures, sponges, and supplies needed in an operative procedure

"The surgical tech is often called the 'right hand or co-pilot' of the surgeon because he or she has such an important role in ensuring the operating site is fully equipped prior to the start of a surgical procedure and, perhaps just as importantly, is able to anticipate the needs of the surgeon — immediately providing the proper surgical tool or maintaining a precise sterile field," said Ginny Garner, Health First vice president of nursing.

"In sports terms, one might equate the surgical tech to a field captain — he or she is first on the field to ensure it's ready for the competition. In the operating room, the field captain is the first in and the last out — ensuring every

last detail is in place before our valued patient arrives for his or her procedure. Health First is very lucky to have amazing surgical techs across all four of our hospitals."

According to Health First Chief Clinical Officer Cheyana Fischer, the demand for surgical technicians is only expected to grow over the coming decade, thanks in large part to advances in medical technology, including robotic surgery, and the increasing volume of procedures being done to treat many types of illnesses and injuries.

"There has never been a better time to get your foot in the door toward a fulfilling career in health care, and these surgical tech opportunities are an excellent example," said Fischer.

"Across the health-care industry, we're in the midst of a perfect storm, so to speak. We have existing needs for these hot career opportunities — and, in turn, there's a lot to like for those who join Health First — from excellent wages, benefits, a collaborative culture and development opportunities — to the abundant year-round beauty and natural resources the Space Coast has to offer."

To learn more about Health First, visit HF.org.

Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic receives the Quality Floridian Award

MELBOURNE (Jan. 26, 2024) — Yesterday, Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic was grateful to receive the Quality Floridian Award from Congressman Bill Posey (R-FL 8th District).

"To be recognized by a truly distinguished, long serving public servant such as Congressman Posey, is an incredible milestone in my career," said Bobanic.

The congressman presented this award to Bobanic in appreciation of his devoted efforts to improve the quality of the community where he selflessly serves the voters of Brevard County.

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