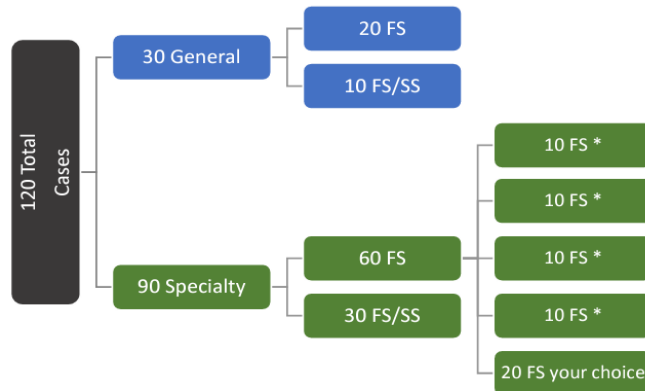


## Clinical Case Requirements\*\*



**Case requirements** – A student must complete a minimum of 120 cases as delineated below:  
(refer to diagram)

- A. General surgery
  1. A student must complete a minimum of 30 cases in General Surgery.
    - a) 20 of these cases must be performed in the FS role.
    - b) The remaining 10 cases may be performed in either the FS or SS role.
- B. Specialty surgery
  1. A student must complete a minimum of 90 cases in various surgical specialties, excluding General Surgery.
    - a) A minimum of 60 cases must be performed in the FS role and distributed amongst a minimum of four surgical specialties.
      - 1) A minimum of ten cases in four different specialties must be completed in the FS role (40 cases total).
      - 2) The additional 20 cases in the FS role may be distributed amongst any one surgical specialty or multiple surgical specialties.
    - b) The remaining 30 cases may be performed in any surgical specialty in either the FS or SS role.
  2. Surgical specialties (excluding General Surgery)
    - a) Cardiothoracic
    - b) Genitourinary
    - c) Neurologic
    - d) Obstetric and gynecologic
    - e) Orthopedic
    - f) Otorhinolaryngologic
    - g) Ophthalmologic
    - h) Oral Maxillofacial
    - i) Peripheral vascular
    - j) Plastics and reconstructive
    - k) Procurement and transplant

# **FIRST AND SECOND SCRUB ROLE AND OBSERVATION**

## **FIRST SCRUB ROLE**

The student surgical technologist shall perform the following duties during any given surgical procedure with proficiency. The following list is provided to identify the items that must be completed in order to document a case in the First Scrub Role. A student not meeting the five criteria below cannot count the case in the First Scrub Role and the case must be documented in the Second Scrub Role or Observation Role.

- Verify supplies and equipment needed for the surgical procedure.
- Set up the sterile field with instruments, supplies, equipment, medication(s) and solutions needed for the procedure.
- Perform counts with the circulator prior to the procedure and before the incision is closed.
- Pass instruments and supplies to the sterile surgical team members during the procedure.
- Maintain sterile technique as measured by recognized breaks in technique and demonstrate knowledge of how to correct with appropriate technique.

## **SECOND SCRUB ROLE**

The Second Scrub Role is defined as the student who is at the sterile field who has not met all criteria for the First Scrub Role, but actively participates in the surgical procedure by performing one or more of the following:

- Sponging
- Suctioning
- Cutting suture
- Holding retractors
- Manipulating endoscopic camera

## **OBSERVATION ROLE**

The Observation Role is defined as the student who is in the operating room performing roles that do not meet the criteria for the First or Second Scrub Role. These observation cases are not to be included in the required case count, but must be documented.

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