



Professional Awareness Activity

Please view the following videos:

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[What is a Surgical Assistant?](#)

[Vital Role of the Surgical Assistant](#)

Answer the following ten questions **to the best of your knowledge**. Some of the questions are interview type questions that are developed to give insight into what you are looking for from the surgical assistant experience. You can use the videos to help you understanding the profession better. Once you have answered the questions, please submit your answers to the program director via email at agoracke@southeast.edu

1. What kind of settings do surgical first assistants work in?
2. Which area of the profession are you most interested in and why?
3. What are the top skills you believe are needed to be a great surgical first assistant?
4. What are important character traits a surgical first assistant needs for this job?
5. Provide three reasons why good communication skills are so important in surgical first assisting.
6. What will be the biggest challenge or struggle you may have as you go through school?
7. What are 2-3 strengths you feel you have that will help you as you go through the program?
8. Why is it important to be adaptable and willing to keep learning in this field?
9. How did you hear about surgical first assisting?
10. Why do you think surgical first assisting is the next step for you?