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# HCC Receives 'College Credit for Heroes' Grant

HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences is offering U.S. military personnel trained as surgical technologists the opportunity to earn their national certification as surgical technologists and re-enter civilian life ready to work.

Funded through a College Credit for Heroes grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, Coleman is offering an online surgical technology program that gives veterans the background they need to sit for the National Certification Licensure Exam in Surgical Technology. This license is now required to practice as a surgical technologist in the state of Texas.

"Most of the surgical technologists trained by the military during the past 10 years did not sit for their licensure exam, because they were deployed to combat areas immediately after training," said Karen Coker, project director of the College Credit for Heroes Initiative at Coleman College.

Now as veterans start to come home, this online course will prepare them for the exam. Coleman will pay exam fees for qualifying veterans who successfully complete the online course.

"The best part of this grant is our service men and women will be earning college credit through HCC Coleman College that they can later turn into an associate degree and continue forward with their education," said Coker.

For information, call (713) 718-7639 or visit <http://coleman.hccs.edu/coleman/a-career-in-health-sciences/college-credit-for-heroes>.

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