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## ***MTI Earns CAAHEP Accreditation***

*(Bradenton, FL—December 9, 2009)* Manatee Technical Institute’s Surgical Technology program has earned initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The accreditation will allow adult students the opportunity to earn a national industry-recognized credential.

According to CAAHEP president M. LaCheeta McPherson, PhD, “The recent peer review conducted by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) and CAAHEP’s Board of Directors recognizes the program’s substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards.”

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP and the American College of Surgeons and the Association of Surgical Technologists. CAAHEP is the largest programmatic accrediting agency in the health sciences field.

Surgical Technology joins the long list of MTI programs that offer students the opportunity to earn national industry-recognized certifications. The 13-month program prepares students for employment as surgical technologists. For more information on the MTI program, contact assistant director Dr. Priscilla Haflich, at (941)752-8100, ext. 222, or [haflichp@manateeschools.net](mailto:haflichp@manateeschools.net).

The mission of Manatee Technical Institute is to meet and exceed our community’s training and educational expectations. MTI is a 2007 Tampa Bay Business of the Year and has won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past six years.

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