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Dear Student:

Below are some approved changes to the Surgical Technology Program for **next year** (fall 2018) that may affect you. (Note: **these changes will not affect students who are accepted to start the program coursework this fall 2017.**)

Our goal is to help you navigate these changes to best prepare you to complete the program without taking classes that may not be needed or are being eliminated.

If you have any questions about the details, please contact the program director, Prof. Amy Kennedy, [alkenned@hacc.edu](mailto:alkenned@hacc.edu).

Here is an overview of the changes:

Current required course – AS degree – Fall 2017 Clinical start	Expected change – AAS degree – Fall 2018 clinical start
<a href="#">COMM 101 or COMM 203</a>	<a href="#">COMM 203 only</a>
Things to note: For the 2018-2019 year (students applying during the of Fall 2018 and starting clinical spring of 2019), <b>if you have not taken the COMM course yet, you will need to take COMM 203.</b> If you have already taken COMM 101, the program director will allow a course substitution for COMM 203.	
<a href="#">CIS 105</a>	<a href="#">Course is being eliminated</a>
<b>If you have not already taken this course, we recommend that you <u>do not</u> take the course.</b>	
<a href="#">Free Elective</a>	<a href="#">No longer required to have a free elective</a>
<a href="#">Core A Elective</a>	<a href="#">Recommending students use SPAN 104 (meets diversity requirement)</a>
Things to note: The program will allow course substitution for students who took their core A elective before fall 2018. <b>if you have not taken your core A elective, we recommend that you take SPAN 104.</b>	
<a href="#">Eng 102</a>	<a href="#">Course is being eliminated</a>
<b>If you have not already taken this course, we recommend that you <u>do not</u> take the course.</b>	

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your advisor or the program director so that we may help you make the best course choices in light of the upcoming changes.**

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