

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA)

(Formerly The Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist (LCC-ST))

The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA), administers their exams with either paper format or computer-based delivery. The NBSTSA web site is <http://www.nbstsa.org/>.

DANTES TCOs may administer the NBSTSA exams in paper format only. Applied Measurement Professionals Inc, (AMP) administers both the CST and CFA exams. Please refer to: <http://www.goamp.com/>. The NBSTSA was structured for the sole purpose of establishing guidelines for certification and to prepare, review, and establish the validity of the certification examination.

Both the CST and CFA certifying examinations consist of 250 multiple-choice questions. Applicants have 4 hours to complete each exam.

| <u>Type of Certification</u> | <u>Exam Date</u> | <u>Registration Date</u> | <u>Fees*</u> | <u>DEPH Chapter</u> |
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| Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) | Test on Demand | No specific dates | \$145 Exam, \$45 Processing, (M), \$245 Exam, \$45 Processing (NM) | http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/library/docs/deph/part3/NBSTSA.pdf |
| Certifying First Assistant (CFA) | | | \$145 Exam, \$45 Processing, (M), \$245 Exam, \$45 Processing (NM) | |

*Member (M), Non-member (NM)