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Trudy Riehl, BUS, CST, FAST, is an Associate Professor and Program Director of Surgical Technology at Bismarck State College, where she has been teaching and leading since 2000. With more than 25 years of experience as a certified surgical technologist, she brings extensive expertise in curriculum development, accreditation, and clinical education.

Trudy has served nationally on the Association of Surgical Technologists' Education and Professional Standards Committee and contributed to exam development for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting. She is also a founding member and former vice president of the North Dakota State Assembly of Surgical Technologists.

Throughout her career, Trudy has secured multiple grants to enhance surgical technology education, mentored countless students in both clinical and classroom settings, and participated in numerous national educator workshops and conferences. Her work reflects a strong commitment to advancing surgical technology education, supporting student success, and upholding the highest professional standards in the field.

Outside of her professional role, Trudy enjoys spending time with her horses, collecting vintage Christmas décor, and being with her husband and two daughters.

“Teaching allows me to pass along not just technical skills, but the judgment, professionalism, and confidence students need in the OR.”

- Trudy Riehl

Fun or Interesting Fact

I have 40 acres and 6 horses!

