STERILE PROCESSING (CERTIFICATE)

Catalog Effective Term: Fall 2024
Program Code: CTSPTF
Credential: Certificate

This certificate program prepares students for an occupation in central processing and sterilization of hospital instrumentation, supplies, and equipment. Students will apply theories and practices of central service departments contained in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, or clinics. The courses provide the fundamentals of central processing, supply and distribution, and provide instruction and practice in aseptic technique. Upon successful completion of this program, the student earns a certificate and may be eligible to sit for the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management National Certifying Examination.

Program Admission Requirements

Eligibility requirements that must be met prior to beginning SUR 101 Introduction to Sterile Processing:

- Attendance at course orientation
- Successful background check per explanation at orientation

Continuing Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility requirements that must be met prior to beginning SUR 108 Sterile Processing Clinical:

- Negative TB skin test
- Complete Health History Form (physical examination)
- Hepatitis immunization series or titers on file
- Health insurance
- Current BLS/CPR certification
- All Surgical Technology (SUR) courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C+/2.3
- Background check/drug screen/fingerprinting per policy of hospital

Minimum Credits Required for the Program: 16

Code	Title	Credits
Major/Area Requirements		
ACS 108	Critical Reading and Thinking [1]	4
HSC 131	CPR/AED and First Aid	1
SUR 101	Introduction to Sterile Processing	6
SUR 102	Introduction to Sterile Processing Equipment	2
SUR 108	Sterile Processing Clinical	2
SUR 109	Sterile Processing Seminar	1
Total Credits		**16**

[1] Students who have a reading and writing levels of 6 may substitute an alternative 4 credit hour course(s). Please see the list available from the program coordinator or advisor.