

2021-22 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

STERILE PROCESSING (CTSPTF)

Certificate

Sterile Processing is the management of surgical instrumentation, supplies, and equipment needed for day to day use in the operating room. Students will apply theories and practices of central service departments contained in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, or clinics. Coursework will provide fundamentals of central processing and supply and distribution. Students will also receive instruction and practice in aseptic technique. Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be eligible to sit in for the "International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management National Certifying Examination".

Students can join the Sterile Processing program by registering for required sterile processing courses AND attending a mandatory orientation which takes place prior to the start of the semester.

Important Information:

- Sterile Processing is a High-in-Demand Certificate Program
- Seats fill very fast from start registration
- Seats are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis
- If you choose Sterile Processing as your program of study, please check immediately to confirm if the program has available seats. If so, please register immediately

For more information, please contact Kimberly LaForge, Clinical Coordinator and Lab Instructor for Sterile Processing, at 734-973-3731 or klaforge@wccnet.edu.

This is a **high demand, high skill** and **high wage** program as defined by the [Michigan Community College Network](#).

Description

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.

Admissions Requirements

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

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

Continuing Eligibility

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

- 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

Course Requirements

Major/Area Requirements

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
ACS 108	Critical Reading and Thinking*	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		16

Total Credits Required: 16

Footnotes

*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.

Accurate as of 05/18/2021 Information is subject to change without notice.