



TAKE THE FIRST STEP  
INTO A FAST-GROWING FIELD

# Sterile Processing

[HEALTH OCCUPATIONS]

Sterile processing technicians play a critical position on healthcare teams or in manufacturing. In healthcare, you may clean, sterilize and prepare instruments and equipment in a hospital or surgery center. In the manufacturing field, you might ensure that food processing and packaging meets the high standards required to secure the safety of our food supply. It's a career with one focus but many opportunities.

### LEARNING AT WASHBURN TECH

Our program introduces the primary responsibilities of a central sterile technician. You will learn about the preparation, storage and distribution of instruments, supplies and equipment. Instruction also covers quality assurance and inventory management. Upon successful completion, students are prepared to sit for the Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) exam. Attending half-day, you can complete the program in two semesters.

**Note: Students must be at least 17 years by Oct. 1 of the fall semester start.**

### JOB AND SALARY OUTLOOK

Employment opportunities for this career are projected to remain stable, according to the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL). The entry-level salary for medical equipment preparers in 2022 was \$15.05 an hour or \$31,310 annually. The average wage was \$17.27 an hour or \$35,930 annually.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must score a minimum of 5 in both reading and math on the Accuplacer test. Other assessments or college coursework can be accepted in place of Accuplacer. See an admissions counselor for details. In addition, students must complete an application and submit a copy of official transcripts.

### CERTIFICATIONS

- + CRCST
- + First Aid/CPR



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### WHERE STERILE PROCESSORS WORK»

- + hospital
- + surgery center
- + outpatient center
- + dental office
- + manufacturing
- + physicians' office
- + medical lab
- + academic institution
- + sales team
- + agriculture production

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

Covers a wide variety of careers in allied health fields, job settings and required training/education; also covers basic anatomy and physiology

### FIRST AID/CPR

Introduces basic first aid and includes CPR certification; provides the basic information and skills needed to meet the American Heart Association standards

### MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Introduces the language of the medical field including medical prefixes, suffixes and combining forms

### TECHNICAL MATH

Covers basic math and medical math concepts

### WORKPLACE SKILLS

Covers the skills, abilities and learning opportunities that have been identified as essential by employers around personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics; workplace ethics topics include continuous improvement, initiative, collaboration, customer service and change management; the course concludes with career exploration activities, developing a career exploration portfolio and participating in a mock interview

### INTRODUCTION TO SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Introduces the student to professional responsibilities, duties and general functions of the operating room; also introduces the student to the rest of the operating room team and their functions and responsibilities as well as legal and ethical issues

### STERILE PROCESSING & PRACTICUM

Prepares students to work in a variety of career fields that require training in sterile processing, including the healthcare field

### STERILE PROCESSING CLINICAL I

Students start to apply the basic skills they have learned for sterile processing in a clinical facility

### STERILE PROCESSING CLINICAL II

Students continue to apply the basic skills they have learned for sterile processing in a clinical facility

### CRCST EXAM REVIEW

Comprehensive review of sterile processing technology concepts and practical preparation for the national certification examination



## APPLICATION CHECKLIST



**MEET WITH ADMISSIONS**



**TAKE ACCUPLACER\***



**SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT(S)**



**PAY ENROLLMENT FEE (ADULT ONLY)**

### 2023-2024 PROGRAM COSTS (Estimated)

|                | HIGH SCHOOL       | ADULT             |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Enrollment fee | \$0               | \$50              |
| Tuition        | \$912             | \$4,104           |
| All other fees | \$564.40          | \$1,131.40        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1,476.40</b> | <b>\$5,285.40</b> |

\*Tiered courses are paid by Excel in CTE. Non-tiered courses are paid by the student.

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES\*\* (Estimated)

|             | HIGH SCHOOL | ADULT |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Tools/Books | \$308       | \$308 |

### COST NOTE

\*\*A list of required tools/books is on a separate sheet of paper and on our website, WashburnTech.edu. Students also will need to purchase supplies such as (but not limited to) pens/pencils, notebooks/paper, three-ring binder, etc. Students may purchase them at the vendor of their choice.

### MORE INFO »

**For more programs, enrollment and course schedule information, please contact Admissions.**

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