

STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN

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The Sterile Processing Technician Certificate prepares students for a career in a hospital or medical center setting as a sterile or central sterile processing technician. The sterile processing technician is responsible for preparing surgical and procedural instruments. This includes cleaning, sterilizing, packaging, transporting and storing instruments. Technicians follow specific procedures to ensure instruments are safe for future use. Students will learn skills in accordance with the standards and guidelines recommended by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCSMM). Upon successful completion of the program and the required work experience the graduate is eligible to take a national certification exam.

Admission Requirements:

- Successful completion of EGL 089 or EGL 095 or reading placement into EGL 089 or EGL 095.
- Clinical placement requires a health assessment, certain immunizations, flu and COVID vaccination, criminal background check and health insurance. The requirements may represent additional costs to the student.

All Oakton College Health Career students in a program with a clinical component must have "clear" criminal background checks and drug screens in order to participate in any and all clinical components of any health career program courses.

Students who refuse a criminal background check will not be considered "clear" and will not be authorized to participate in the clinical component of the program, necessitating withdrawal from the program at that time. Individual results of student background check are considered confidential.

Sterile Processing Technician Certificate

10 Semester Credit Hours; Curriculum: 0330

Code	Title	Hours
Courses for a Certificate		
HIT 104	Medical Terminology	3
SPT 110	Sterile Processing Department Procedures	1
SPT 111	Sterile Processing Technology	3
SPT 120	Sterile Processing Technician Practicum	3
Total Hours		10

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Apply cleaning, decontamination, and disinfection sterile processing techniques.
2. Use equipment maintenance, troubleshooting, and quality assurance procedures.
3. Prepare and package instruments according to safety standards and standard operating procedures.
4. Maintain accurate documentation records for equipment maintenance, environmental condition monitoring, and employee education, safety, and risk management.
5. Operate and monitor sterilization equipment.
6. Communicate effectively in writing and orally using appropriate terminology and professional etiquette.
7. Manage sterile storage and inventory and environmental conditions.
8. Apply safety and regulatory area-specific requirements.