



# Sterile Processing Technician

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## Job Description

The field of healthcare may be constantly changing, but the importance of proper sterilization techniques remains a core priority. The prevention of infections is imperative for all who work in the Sterile Processing field. As this awareness becomes more widespread, the need for Sterile Processing Technicians is on the rise. Anyone with the desire to become an important component in providing quality patient care by minimizing infection rates can become a highly needed healthcare professional. Sterile Processing Technicians work in labs and hospitals sterilizing surgical equipment.

## Employment Outlook

As of January 1, 2016, the state of Connecticut requires newly hired Sterile Processing Department (SPD) Technicians to be certified prior to employment. Earning potential for a professional working in this field is \$37,440 to \$56,910.

## Admission Requirements

Students must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to enroll in this course.

Students participating in this program must:

- Complete the immunization form provided by the college and return it to the instructor on the first day of class.

- Be able to lift and carry 40 pounds.

- Be able to stand for long periods of time.



## Program Description

Students will learn the latest advancements in Sterilization, as well as Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, instrumentation, decontamination and infection control. There will be a class trip experience as the students visit and observe a Sterile Processing department in action. The different forms of sterilization (i.e. Steam, Ethylene Oxide and Gas Plasma) will be demonstrated. This course will prepare students to sit for the SPD Technician Certification Exam, C.S.P.D.T. For more information about this exam and the organization, please visit the website at [www.sterileprocessing.org](http://www.sterileprocessing.org) or call 908-236-0530.

***The Essential Job Skills & Career Development course is **REQUIRED** to receive a certificate of completion for the Sterile Processing Technician program. This course is offered at various times throughout the year. See page 38.***

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of a felony, you may not be eligible for clinical experiences, internships, externships or certifications associated with certain Healthcare Career programs. Those with previous convictions may also find it difficult to secure employment within a healthcare setting.

This program is CT SNAP, CT WIOA and MASS WIOA approved.

#### Time Commitment

This 4-month program meets for 80 hours.

CRN: 1117/1139 HMED M7116

Dates: February 16 to June 3, 2021

Day: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Elaine Barbara

Room: 220

Instruction type: HYBRID (LRON and on ground \*Teaching Method subject to change

Fee: \$2,360 (cost includes course, textbook, and CBSPD Exam)

Total Program Fee: \$2,533 (includes mandatory Essential Job Skills)

***HYBRID:** This type of course delivery includes on-site and online instruction (combination of LRON and on ground or ONLINE and on ground) with a focus on scheduling limited number of class sessions on campus. Blackboard use is the same as online or LRON, depending on the mode of delivery.*

#### Payment Information

Total cost of the Sterile Processing Technician program with the Essential Job Skills & Career Development course is \$2,533. This program is CT SNAP, CT WIOA and MASS WIOA approved. Payment plans are available for students.

#### Contact Information

For more information or to register contact Sue Champagne at 860.253.3034 or [schampagne@asnuntuck.edu](mailto:schampagne@asnuntuck.edu).

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