



Sterile Processing Technician

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 within two years of initial employment. Earning potential for a professional working in this field is \$49,710.



Admission Requirements

Students must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to enroll in this course. Proof of the following immunizations is required to participate in the clinical experience: MMR, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Varicella, as well as a current Flu Vaccine. Please be informed that clinical sites are currently requiring additional vaccinations such as COVID 19. Passing a background check, prior to the course start date, is required. Background check costs are the responsibility of each student and are non-refundable.

Students participating in this program must:

- Be able to lift and carry 50 pounds.
- Be able to stand for long periods of time.
- Have transportation to and from clinical sites.
- Pay parking fees (if applicable at clinical sites).
- Pass a CORE background check (non-refundable \$70 fee, not included in tuition fee).

Program Description

Students will learn the latest advancements in Sterilization, as well as Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, instrumentation, decontamination and infection control. 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 or call 908-236-0530. This course will include 60 hours of theory and 20 hours of clinical training on-site at a medical facility (clinical sites may charge parking fees). Successful completion of both the classroom theory and the clinical training is required to earn a certificate of completion. Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical training. Each student is required to submit a fully completed clinical application to the instructor at the first class meeting.

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.

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: 1117/1098 HMED M7116

Dates: March 15 to June 30, 2022

Day: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Elaine Barbera

Instruction type: HYBRID* (LRON and on ground)

Fee: \$2,442 (cost includes course, textbook, U-Pass transportation fee, and CBSPD Exam)

Total Program Fee: \$2,615 (includes mandatory Essential Job Skills)

HYBRID: This type of course delivery includes on-site and online instruction (combination of live remote 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 live remote, depending on the mode of delivery. Students and instructors are required to meet virtually during their scheduled class time. **Students enrolling in this course need access to a reliable computer with internet connection, microphone, and web camera. Live instruction is conducted via a video conferencing platform; students should expect to turn their camera on and access their computer's microphone during class meeting times.*

Please note: Lecture is Live Remote (LRON/ONLINE) and clinical will be held on ground at a medical facility. Students are expected to provide their own transportation.

Payment Information

Total cost of the Sterile Processing Technician program, and U-Pass transportation fee, and Essential Job Skills & Career Development course is **\$2,615**. The background check fee is not included. This program is CT SNAP, CT WIOA and MASS WIOA approved. Payment plans are available for students. Students must drop at least 1 day prior to the start of the program in order to receive a refund, if you are on a payment plan the \$25 payment plan fee is non-refundable.

Contact Information

For more information or to register please call 860.253.3028 or email schampagne@asnuntuck.edu.

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