

Sterile Processing (Career and Technical Certificate)

The Sterile Processing Career and Technical Certificate (CTC) is a one semester 6 credit-hour program which provides students with an integrated learning experience in knowledge, skills, values, and competencies to meet the workforce needs for sterile processing technicians in acute care and ambulatory hospital settings. The curriculum is based on the standards and recommendations of the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI). Students who successfully complete the curriculum will qualify to sit for the International Sterile Processing Department Technician Certification (CSPDT) Exam administered by the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD).

Admission Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have a high school diploma or GED and be admitted to BRCC.
- Have an entrance test score eligible to take ENGL 1013 and MATH 1113/1213.
- *Pass a Drug Screen
- *Pass a Criminal Background Check

*Due to the practicum portion of the Sterile Processing Basics Course

Application Process

The application for admission to the Sterile Processing CTC is available on the BRCC website. The Sterile Processing CTC program is offered every fall and spring semester. Applications will be processed and students will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until the class is full.

Admission Process

Students admitted to the Sterile Processing CTC program will receive additional instructions regarding program requirements that include but are not limited to: submission of personal health history, results of a physical examination, a TB skin test and various immunizations as required by the clinical affiliates. Costs for all requirements are borne by the student.

Urine Drug Screen

A positive urine drug screen or any attempt to tamper with a specimen may disqualify an applicant and/or result in dismissal from the Sterile Processing program.

Criminal Background Check

Applicants to the Sterile Processing CTC Program must pass a criminal background check, with all costs incurred by the student. Applicants who have been charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, been convicted of, or committed a criminal offense that involves a crime of violence or distribution of drugs may not be allowed to complete the practicum component of the program.

To receive this career and technical certificate, the student must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better in all credit hours to be used towards certificate.
- Earn a "C" or better in courses used toward the credential.
- Complete the coursework listed below.

Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate appropriate and effective methods of communication with members of the sterile processing and surgical teams, with sensitivity and appreciation for individual differences.
2. Demonstrate behavior that reflects integrity, supports objectivity and promotes trust in the profession and its practitioners.
3. Integrate knowledge from biological sciences with concepts of sterile processing to ensure safe handling of reusable medical devices.
4. Perform proficiently and competently as a sterile processing technician in the cognitive, psychomotor and affective learning domains.
5. Display responsible habits which lead to life-long professional and personal growth.

Program of Study

First Semester		Semester Credit Hours	Semester Contact Hours
HLSC 1204	Sterile Processing Basics	4	150
HLSC 1012	Introduction to Health Professions	2	30
Semester Total:		6	180

For more information, contact the Division of Nursing and Allied Health at 225-216-8879.