

Sterile Processing Technician

Holland code family: Organizers

About the Program

The Sterile Processing Technician three-term certificate program prepares students for work in entry-level positions in hospitals and other surgical settings. The sterile processing technician plays a vital role in maintaining the cleanliness, functionality, and inventory of health care instrumentation and equipment. They ensure that patients avoid infections through sterilizing instrumentation and equipment used in hospital procedures.

Students will be introduced to microbiology and have an understanding of infection control, the principles and practices of sterile processing and decontamination procedures, and the ability to maintain inventory control in a healthcare setting. Successful completion of the program prepares students for the Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) exam.

The U.S. Department of Education requires disclosure of specific information about career and technical certificate programs to prospective students. Data includes Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes, graduation rates, tuition and fees, typical costs for books and supplies, job placement rates for students completing the programs, and median loan debt incurred by students completing the programs. For more information visit www.roguecc.edu/GainfulEmployment.

Entry Requirements

Sterile Processing Technician is a cohort-based program. Enrollment is limited. Students are required to complete the Placement Process to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading, and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the results of their placement assessment. In addition, students may also be required to enroll in classes that would increase their employability and success. Cohort students must meet certain minimum academic requirements (BT113 or WR115 or designated placement test score, CS120 or documented proficiency, and MTH60 or MTH63 or designated placement test score) before starting the program. Please visit www.roguecc.edu/alliedhealth/spt for program application details.

Advanced Standing

Coursework from accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college policies and the program coordinator's recommendation. In order to ensure coursework is current, program courses over three years old must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate program coordinator before being accepted toward core requirements. College Now credit earned in conjunction with local high schools will be accepted in accordance with the current agreement.

Graduation Requirements

These requirements apply only to students admitted to the program during the current academic year. Students contemplating admission in a later year may have different requirements and must obtain the graduation guide or catalog for that year. Students must complete all courses on this graduation guide with a grade of "C" or better to continue in and complete the program and receive their certificates. If certain required courses are graded only on a pass/no pass basis, a grade of "P" for these courses indicate a student earned the equivalent of a "C" or better grade.

What skills will you learn?

Visit <http://go.roguecc.edu/department/program-learning-outcomes>.

What are the employment opportunities?

Visit <http://www.roguecc.edu/GainfulEmployment>.

Prerequisites

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BT113	Business English I or WR115 Introductory to Expository Writing or designated placement test score	0-4
CS	Approved 3-4 credit computer science class, CS120 or above or documented computer proficiency ¹	0-4
MTH60	Fundamentals of Algebra I or MTH63 Applied Algebra I or designated placement test score	0-4

Total Prerequisite Credits 0-12

Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
First Term		
AH100	Medical Terminology: Introduction	3
HE252	First Aid/CPR or	



	HE112 Emergency First Aid and HE261 CPR/Basic Life Support Provider ²	2-3
SPT101	Sterile Processing I	4
SPT123	Legal and Ethical Issues for Sterile Processing Technicians	2
—	Approved program elective(s)	0-4
		11-16

Second Term

AH105	Communication and Professional Behavior	2
BA109	Ready, Set, Work: Techniques for Landing a Job	2
BI100SB	Biology of Human Systems ³	3
HCI120	Introduction to the Health Care Industry	3
SPT102	Sterile Processing II	4
		14

Third Term

SPT170	Sterile Processing Technician Practicum and Seminar	12
--------	---	----

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS 37-42

Approved Program Electives ⁴

(0-4 credits allowed)		
BI234	Microbiology with lab	4
BT111	Conflict Management	2
CG144	Introduction to Assertiveness	1
CG155	Exploring Careers in Health Care	3
SP100	Basic Communication	3
SPAN101,102,103	First Year Spanish I, II, III	4-4-4
SRV101	Service Learning	1
WR110	Understanding English Grammar	2

¹ Successful completion of CS120 or otherwise meeting the proficiency requirement within the last 10 years fulfills this requirement. Contact a computer science advisor to help determine placement.

² American Heart Association (AHA) Certification must remain current for the duration of the program.

³ Students who have completed either BI121 and BI122 or BI231, BI232, and BI233 (the entire sequence of either series) with an equivalent "C" or better grade do not need to take BI100SB.

For more information regarding the program and selection process, contact the Allied Health Occupations Department:

Grants Pass or Medford. 541-245-7841
 Toll free in Oregon 800-460-6766, Ext. 7841
 email alliedhealth@roguecc.edu
 Web address www.roguecc.edu/Alliedhealth/spt
 TTY Oregon Telecom Relay Service, 711

This advising guide is for advising purposes only. Please see current college catalog for additional information on specific college policies and graduation requirements.

RCC is an open institution and does not discriminate. For RCC's non-discrimination policy and a full list of regulatory specific contact persons visit the following webpage: www.roguecc.edu/nondiscrimination.

