

CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING INFORMATION SESSION

TRINITY RIVER EAST CAMPUS

**TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**



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INTRODUCTION TO CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING

Certificate in Central Sterile Processing

Introduction

The Tarrant County College Certification in Central Sterile Processing students will learn and perform all aspects of sterile processing functions with basic surgical instrumentation in the health care workplace. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD).

Career Opportunities

Most Central Sterile Technicians work in hospitals, public health clinics, private doctors' offices and specialized surgery centers. Texas is one of the highest states with Certified sterile processing technicians and is expected to grow in the coming years.

Program Content

Studies combine general education and on-campus central sterile processing courses with actual clinical experience at a hospital or clinic.

In addition, studies cover areas such as:

- Central Sterile Processing 1
- Central Sterile Processing 2
- Central Sterile Processing 3
- Clinical Course

Starting Salaries

The mean hourly wage for instrument specialist technicians is \$13.27

The mean annual wage for instrument specialist technicians is \$27,600.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

www.tccd.edu/academics/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/central-sterile-processing/

PATIENT SAFETY AND WELFARE ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE:

The functional abilities/core performance standards for the program are:

- Extended walking and standing daily
- Ability to grasp, push, and/or pull
- Ability to bend and stoop
- Moving quickly in response to an emergency
- Using upper body movements
- Ability to reach
- Carrying and moving equipment
- Reaching and/or lifting
- Vision that allows detecting physical changes
- Hearing that allows responding to physical and verbal cues
- A sense of touch that allows for assessment and palpation

All students are required to meet these functional abilities with or without accommodations to function safely and effectively in the variety of the profession's settings. Adaptations most frequently reported as being used by health care workers include hearing aids, eyeglasses or contact lenses, adaptive phones or listening devices and calculators.

APPLICATION PERIOD

March 1st through July 2nd

For Fall Admission

August 18th through November 13th

For Spring Admission

Online Application (Print and Fill Out)

**You can bring the application to an advisor for
review**

OR

Mail it in:

ATTENTION: Central Sterile Processing

245 East Belknap Street

Fort Worth Texas 76102

CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFO

How many seats per
application period?

The TCCD Central Sterile Processing program currently accepts UP TO 20 students per application period. Those selected will begin classes in the fall semester

Program Cost

2500 dollars

This is an estimated cost which includes uniforms, books, tuition, and other miscellaneous costs.

SELECTION NOTIFICATION: CANDIDATES AND SELECTION INTO PROGRAM

When Will I Be Notified?

3 to 4 Weeks after the application deadline, the top 20 candidates are invited to a mandatory information meeting.

Selection Into Program

Acceptance Notification of selected 20 applicants are sent within 10 days after the information meeting.

Alternates

The remaining applicants within the Top 20 (that attended the information session) are designated as alternates.

Those who have completed any of the suggested prerequisite courses will be given a score of .1 per course. It is important to remember that selection is based on how each applicant compares with others in the applicant pool for this program.

The selection committee notifies all candidates by mail of their admission status (accepted, alternate, not accepted or incomplete). It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the correct mailing address has been provided.

ELIGIBILITY

Must have a TCCD ID Number

- To be eligible to apply for the Central Sterile Processing program, the student must first be a current TCCD student. This means that the student has a TCCD student ID number and has already applied and been accepted to the college.
- Individuals that have not applied to the college may follow this link: [Apply For Admission](#) to begin the process.
- Must be at least 18 years of age at the start of the program!

Transcript Evaluation

- ALL official transcripts from a college or university other than TCCD, must be received and evaluated by TCCD at the time of Application to the Central Sterile Processing program.
- First, submit your transcripts to the Transcript Office or your local Registrars office.
- This process can take up to two months, please keep this in mind.

ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

Admission

- You **must be** 18 years old.
- Be accepted to TCC
- Attend an orientation session: it is mandatory for acceptance to the program.
- Pass the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), if applicable
- Have current health care provider CPR card from the American Heart Association.
- Undergo and pass a criminal background check and drug screening.

Immunizations/Screenings

- Please be aware that the TAC (Texas Administrative Code) and DFW Hospital Council Standards require that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. These MUST be submitted with your application. They are currently as follows:

- ✓ **HEPATITIS B ONLY!**
- ✓ MMR
- ✓ TDAP
- ✓ Varicella
- ✓ Influenza
- ✓ TB Skin Test

***Some of these immunizations take up to 6 months to complete (Hep A & B), it is best to get started NOW, or you can't apply for the program.**

Other Requirements

- Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete a drug screen, keep CPR current (American Heart Association certified BLS for Healthcare Providers), and a criminal background check. If you have any criminal charges, you need to email me to discuss what you must do in order to find out whether or not you can apply for the program. Felony's, Assault, Domestic Violence and Drug Charges automatically bar you from eligibility.
- You will also need to renew your TB annually and Flu seasonally.
- House Bill 1508 which took effect in September 2017 requires that all of our students are notified that criminal offense convictions that occur while enrolled in our programs will affect their ability to apply for an occupational license.

CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

Course & Clinical Hours

Program courses are blended and include online and didactic delivery. Tentatively, labs usually meet Monday/Wednesday between 5:00pm and 9:00pm. The clinical rotation may start as early as 7:00am and as late as 3 p.m. three days a week. For details, visit with the program director.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for two semester consecutively. The first semester is all course work and labs followed by the second semester consisting of the clinical rotation.

CENTRAL STERILE PROCESSING PROGRAM

Coursework in the Fall Term

HPRS 1470 Central Sterile Processing 1

HPRS 1370 Central Sterile Processing 2

HPRS 1471 Central Sterile Processing 3

Coursework in the Spring Term

HPRS 1561 Clinical

FAQ

If you have any questions, please
contact:

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