Central Sterile Processing Technician
Fact Sheet

Job Outlook: Overall, employment of central sterile processing technicians is projected to increase by 17 percent through 2018. The average annual salary in Missouri is approximately $36,000. (indeed.com)

Salary: $33,090 - $55,650 - salary may vary depending on location, experience, and hours (bls.gov)

Employers:
- Hospitals
- Emergency care facilities
- Surgeon offices
- Doctor offices

Program Overview:
This two-tiered program offers the student a direct pathway to success in Central Sterile Processing. Whether starting a career in Central Sterile Processing or already working in the field, this program builds a foundation in:
- Central service workflow and concerns
- Basic job knowledge and skills
- Basic job responsibilities

Topics presented in the program include anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, infection prevention and control, tools for cleaning, safety and decontamination. This program will prepare successful students to take a national certification exam and for entry-level employment as a Central Sterile Processing Technician.

Certification:
The Central Sterile Processing Technician program prepares for the following national certification exam:
- Certified Registered Central Service Technician exam (CRCST) offered by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCSMM) – highlight and link to: http://www.iahcsmm.org/

Prerequisites:
Candidates for this program must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or High School Equivalency, must be proficient in English and have adequate knowledge of high school math.
*Please note that employers will perform a background check on applicants. It’s imperative that students do not have any prior criminal background.

Instructor Qualifications:
- Must have at least 2 years of experience in the Sterile Medical Equipment Preparer field
- Must hold current national certification credentials

Ideal Candidates:
- Recent high school graduates
- Anyone interested in healthcare
- Current healthcare professionals
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