



Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician

Fall 2022

August 8, 2022 – January 23, 2023

Mondays, 5 – 7 p.m.

Course type: Hybrid

Orientation: August 1, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Business and Continuing Education

Berry Hall

Temple College

2600 S. First St.

Temple TX 76504



Program Information

Program Description

Sterile Processing and Distribution Technicians, or Medical Equipment Preparers as referred to by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, are integral members of the healthcare team and are responsible for the cleaning, sterilization, processing, organization, and distribution of patient equipment, instruments, supplies, and products used in the care and treatment of patients. They work side by side with nurses and surgical technologists to ensure optimum patient safety and care. This course is designed to prepare students for entry level positions in hospital and clinic's sterile processing and distribution departments as well as provide the knowledge to challenge the Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT) certification through the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. (CBSPD). Theory and practical application of medical terminology, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and infection control processes will be discussed as well laboratory knowledge and skills of instrumentation, supplies, and processing techniques. This course meets for 80 hours of hybrid instruction. Students will also complete an off-site externship of 120 hours.

Certificate

Upon successful completion, graduates will receive a certificate of completion and become eligible to apply for certification through the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. (CBSPD)

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Recognize/demonstrate the use of sterilization process monitors, including temperature and frequency of appropriate chemical indicators and bacterial spore tests for all sterilizers.
- Explain the processes and steps of decontamination.
- List the assembly and packaging systems and discuss their advantages and disadvantages.
- Explain the processes and steps of sterilization.
- Correlate the importance of quality control.
- Identify factors affecting "shelf life" and sterility maintenance.
- Correlate the means of preventing safety hazards.
- Acknowledge the agencies involved with the development of standards and their application to sterile processing.
- Identify basic surgical instrumentation, their anatomy, as well as care and handling of.
- Recognize basic principles of infection control/microbiology.
- Interpret and apply medical terminology and anatomical terms as they relate to equipment and supplies issued by central service personnel.
- Develop a basic understanding of the structure and function of the body systems.
- Identify professional standards and ethical considerations that guide sterile processing practices

Employment

Starting pay averages \$13 an hour (U.S. Department of Labor).

Admission Requirements

Individuals must meet the following requirements for admission into the Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician program:



- Access to a computer and internet.
- Have earned a high school diploma, GED, or High School Equivalency Certificate.
- Be a minimum of 18 years old.
- Have a photo ID and a Social Security card.
- Be willing to complete a criminal history background check (individuals with any infractions that would prohibit state certification will not be admitted into the program).
- Be willing to provide evidence of required immunizations (Tuberculosis skin test, flu shot, Hepatitis B series Vaccine, Tetanus, 2 Measles, Rubella, 1 Mumps, and 2 Varicella, or positive titer).
- **Prior** to the beginning of the externship, students must:
 - Be willing to provide the results from a drug screening test (wait on the instructor to request before completing).
 - Provide proof of completion of the CPR for Healthcare Providers course (available through BCE).
 - Have paid their tuition in full.
 - **Registration begins July 6, 2022.** Registration Deadline: Class is limited to 10 students; registration closes when the limit is reached.

Cost of Program

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| Tuition | \$2,234 (includes textbooks) Tuition includes textbook, national certification exam fee, and drug screen. |
| Not included in the tuition: | |
| Set of dark grey scrubs/cap | \$15-\$30 (price varies) |
| Document tracking | \$30 (paid with a credit or debit card; must be paid prior to registration) |
| Criminal background check | \$40 (paid with a credit or debit card; must be paid at time of registration) <u>Criminal Background Check, Drug Screen, and Document Tracking are Non-Refundable</u> |
| CPR course | \$65 |
| Surgical Masks | Price varies Refunds will be granted only if requested before February 2, 2022. |

Payment Plan Option

\$2,264 Total Cost (This includes tuition and textbooks, and a \$30 one-time payment plan fee.)

The first payment of **\$476.80** is due at the time of registration and includes the one-time \$30 fee; **four additional payments of \$446.80 are due monthly.** Cash payments cannot be used to set up payment plans; payment plans are set up online. Checking and routing information is preferred. Credit and debit card payments are accepted but additional fees apply.

Applying for Financial Assistance

Eligible students may receive financial aid for **50%** of the tuition. Apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarship: Students may be eligible for the Direct Your Destiny (DYD) Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Scholarship. For more information: <https://www.templejc.edu/programs/adult-basic-education/>

Grant: Students may be eligible for the Reskilling Grant. More information can be found here: <https://www.templejc.edu/admissions/scholarships/comeback/>

Student Loans: Student loans may be available through Sallie Mae's Smart Option Student Loan. Call 1-866-439-0993 for more information.



Steps for Enrollment

1. Please complete a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Please submit the following documents to the Business and Continuing Education Division in Berry Hall, Room 209, Temple College (2600 South First Street, Temple, TX 76504).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current flu shot | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B series Vaccine | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Measles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License/State ID | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Varicella | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mumps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of COVID-19 Vaccine | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Rubella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HS Diploma/Transcripts | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis (TB) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus/Tdap (within the last 10 years) |
3. Once the above admission requirements are submitted. One of the CE Specialists, located in Berry Hall – Room 209, will provide instructions for completing your background check, drug screen, and CPR certification.
Reminder: Payment is due at the time of registration.
4. Please call 254-298-8625 or email bce@templejc.edu if you have any questions about the registration process.

Application for Registration

Please complete the registration for application form through the following link below or by scanning the QR code below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/nzzfD6SgkG>



Be sure to check your email address daily for updates and important announcements!



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