

HEALTH CAREER PROGRAMS

Sterile Processing Technician INFORMATION SESSION





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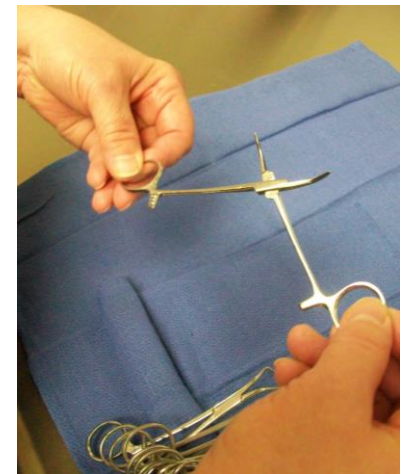
[Make an Appointment](#) with Sandra Werner, the Academic Advisor who specializes in helping Sterile Processing Technician Students.





Role of the Sterile Processing Technician (Also known as Medical Equipment Preparer)

- Decontaminate medical devices and prepare them for reuse
- Ensure that medical devices are in good working order
- Assemble instrument and procedure trays
- Package medical devices for sterilization
- Operate and maintain sterilizers
- Keep sterilization records
- Store medical devices for future use
- Distribute medical devices to the point of use





Salary

- National Average – approximately \$41,480 per year
(\$19.94 per hour)
- Chicago Area Average – approximately \$44,970 per year
(\$21.62 per Hour)

(0.8% rise; \$30.27 per hour = \$62,960 as of May 2022)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)





Job Outlook

Employment of medical equipment preparers is projected to grow 8 percent between now and 2031, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

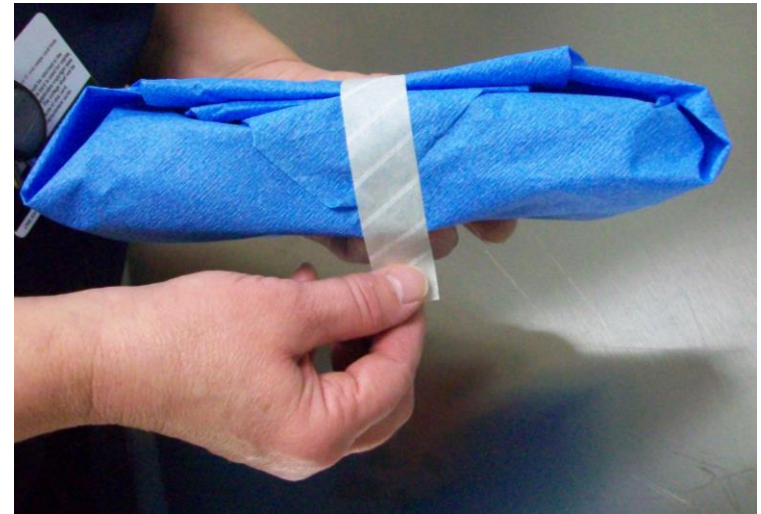
About 3,700 openings for medical equipment preparers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)



Areas of Employment

- Primarily sterile processing departments
- Hospital operating rooms
- Surgery centers





Certifications

- Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) Exam administered by the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association ([HSPA](#))
- Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT) by the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution ([CBSPD](#))



Professional Organization

Healthcare Sterile Processing Association
([HSPA](#))





Program Information

Certificate

- Two semesters
- Evening classes
 - Classroom
 - Simulation Lab
 - Clinical Experience





Prerequisites

- High School Diploma or GED
- Must score at the college level or better on the Reading and Writing placement exam or course equivalency.
- Placement exam scores must not be more than two years old.
- Sterile Processing Technician courses must be taken in sequence and all program requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.



Prerequisites

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- A criminal history records check with no disqualifying convictions is required prior to the start of the program.
- Students must complete all health and clinical requirements (includes American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification, drug screening, and any additional information required by clinical site) prior to registration for SPT 140 and the requirements must be maintained through SPT 150.



SPT Semester One

Semester One		Credit Hours
AHL 101 or AHL 120	Essentials of Med Term Comprehensive Med Term	1 3
SPT 100	Sterile Processing Basics	2
SPT 110	Introduction to Medical Devices	2
SPT 120	Principles of Sterile Processing Practice	2
SPT 130	Perioperative Services Lab	1
Semester One Total		8-10



SPT Semester Two

Semester Two		Credit Hours
SPT 140	Sterile Processing Seminar	2
SPT 150	Experiential Learning	2
	Semester Two Total	4



Admission Procedure

- Attend [Information Session](#)
- Complete [College Application](#)
- Send or bring Official High School and/or College transcripts to the Admissions Office in B110
- Complete [Program Application](#)

Please contact your advisor for additional details



Application Deadlines

Application Deadline

- September 15th
- January 15th
- March 15th
- June 1st



If seats available

Click [HERE](#) to apply



Cost Summary (Tuition and Fees)

Please click [HERE](#) for details regarding current
Tuition and Fees.

TUITION
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Forest Park

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Harwood Heights*

Hillside

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Maywood

Melrose Park

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Northlake

North Riverside

Norwood Park*

Oak Park

River Forest

River Grove

Riverside

Rosemont*

Schiller Park

Stone Park

Westchester

*Indicates only a portion of the community is within the district



CAREER

Formerly called the “Chargeback” Program

Triton College participates in the Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources (CAREER), which allows students interested in completing an Associate of Applied Science or certificate program not offered at their home community college to receive in-district tuition at another participating community college. With prior approval, out of district students may enroll in an Applied Science program at Triton College that may not be available through their local community college. Students are encouraged to contact their home community college for approval to enroll in a specified program of study. Upon receipt of this approval, Triton College will assess them at the in-district rate.



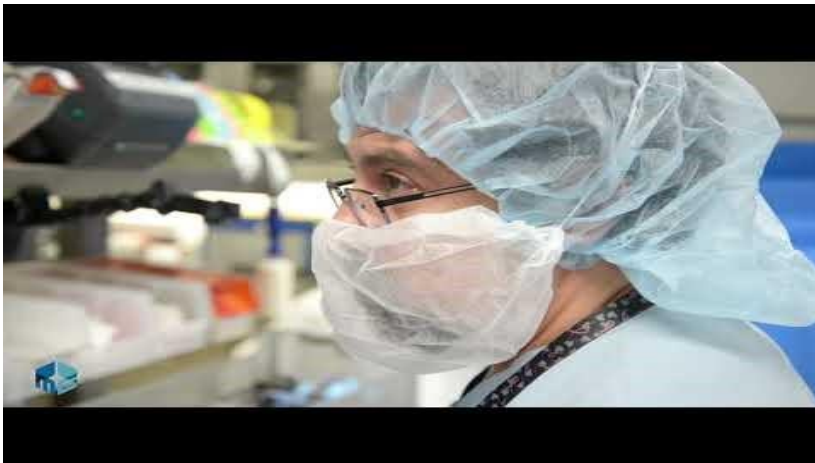
Important Allergy Information!

If you have an allergy to latex, a career in healthcare may **NOT** be appropriate for you.

Please consult your physician.



YouTube video about the SPT profession.



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfqT-QiKOqE>



Questions

What do you want to know?

