

Sterile Processing CERTIFICATE

Program Overview

The Saint Paul College Sterile Processing certificate is a 30-credit program that prepares graduates to work in medical facilities that prepare surgical instruments, supplies and equipment necessary for healthcare. This program includes a broad introduction to health sciences, as well as medical language, communication and computers. The program curriculum includes decontamination, preparation, packing, sterilization and sterile storage.

Students who successfully complete the certificate program are prepared for entry-level employment in a sterile processing position, eligible to take the certification examination following 400 hours of professional employment, and eligible to apply to the AAS Surgical Technology Program at Saint Paul College.

Career Opportunities

The work environment is dynamic and fast-paced. The work is challenging, highly technical, and complex. The performance of this vital department had a major impact on the smooth operation of the many departments to which it provides products and services. Employment opportunities may be within hospitals, outpatient centers, and instrument processing centers.

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Program Outcomes

1. Utilize the English language effectively to read, write, speak, and listen critically.
2. Develop the capacity to identify, discuss, and reflect upon social and behavioral issues.
3. Demonstrate comprehension of human and biological systems.
4. Enhance mathematical and logical thinking techniques.
5. Improve their awareness and understanding of health and wellness.

Program Faculty

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Additional Program Materials

Students should expect to spend approximately \$135 for supplies. This cost is beyond the cost of tuition and fees.

Program Requirements

Check off when completed

Course	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1471 Medical Terminology	2
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1740 General Biology 1	5
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2721 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2722 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BTEC 1418 Computer Fundamentals	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the Lifespan	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1720 Interpersonal Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SURG 1405 Intro to Surgical Technology	1
<input type="checkbox"/> SURG 1410 Sterile Processing	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SURG 1415 Surgical Microbiology	2

Total Program Credits 30

*Sterile Processing certificate is a prerequisite for Surgical Technology Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree at Saint Paul College.

Program Start Dates

Summer

Course Sequence

This course sequence is recommended for a full-time student; however, this sequence is not required.

Not all courses are offered each semester; a selection of courses is offered summer term.

Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.

First Semester

BIOL 1740 General Biology 1	5
PSYC 1720 Psychology Throughout the Lifespan	3
Total Semester Credits	8

Second Semester

BIOL 1471 Medical Terminology	2
BIOL 2721 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
BTEC 1418 Computer Fundamentals	3
SPCH 1720 Interpersonal Communication	3
Total Semester Credits	12

Third Semester

BIOL 2722 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
SURG 1405 Intro to Surgical Technology	1
SURG 1410 Sterile Processing	3
SURG 1415 Surgical Microbiology	2
Total Semester Credits	10

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Minimum Program Entry Requirements

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 78+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722

Writing: Score of 78+ on Reading Comprehension or grade of "C" or better in ENGL 0922

College Level Mathematics: Score of 50+ or grade of "C" or better in MATH 0920

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:

Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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