

# SP 3000

## Sterile Processing Technician



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

**TUITION** \$4,000  
**DURATION** 14 weeks  
**TARGET CERTIFICATION** Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)

**ISSUING AUTHORITIES**  
**HSPA**

**REQUIREMENTS**  
High School Diploma or GED

### PROGRAM DETAILS

A typical hospital uses (and reuses) tens of thousands of medical instruments every month. Although some supplies are disposable, many are not. The reusable supplies come with their own special instructions for proper cleaning and maintenance. Sterile Processing Technicians (SPTs) prepare surgical instruments and devices. They clean, inspect, test, sterilize, store and deliver devices needed for surgery in a healthcare facility.

The MedCerts online Sterile Processing program prepares students to gain industry certification and ultimately to work in hospitals, surgery centers, clinics and other healthcare facilities. Because graduates will be working in a healthcare facility, it is imperative that they be able to speak and understand the language of medicine and have a fundamental understanding of basic human anatomy and physiology.

Upon completion of this program, the student will be eligible to sit for the provisional certification exam for Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) sponsored by the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA, formerly IAHCMM). Full certification is obtained after acquiring 400 hours of hands-on sterile processing experience within six months of provisional certification.

### CAREER SERVICES

For all MedCerts Students that are not affiliated with an employer partner, you also have the added benefit of Job Search Assistance including guidance with resume building, networking, interviewing, and job search tips.

### ATTAINABLE CAREERS

- Sterile Processing Technician
- Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician
- Instrument Technician
- Central Processing Technician
- Central Service Technician

Throughout the Sterile Processing Technician program, students will learn the skills to:

- Discuss compliance standards and the role of HIPAA, OSHA, CDC, FDA, ANSI, AAMI and other regulating agencies
- Identify central service workflow processes for cleaning, decontamination, preparation and packaging to sterilization and storage or surgical instruments and equipment
- Describe the importance of manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU), infection control and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) throughout central service areas and their impact on personal patient safety
- Differentiation methods for quality control and assurance and the necessity of central service process documentation

*While MedCerts training and related target certifications may be accepted and/or approved by your state of residency, employers reserve the right to dictate pre-requisite education, experience, or certification/licensure requirements for their positions. These requirements may exclude a MedCerts graduate from eligibility. We strongly advise students to research target job posts from area employers and relevant state requirements, barriers or restrictions to ensure eligibility upon graduation.*

**Students residing in: NY, NJ, CT, TN, PA – these states require that Central Service Technicians become certified within a state-mandated period of time after employment (range from 1.5 - 3 years). This is NOT a barrier to enrollment but should be reviewed with Education Consultant at time of enrollment.**



### TARGET CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications	Issuing Authority	Exam Details
Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)	Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA)	150 Questions Time limit 3 hours

Course Code	Title	Hours	Weeks	Course Materials (Included)
PS-1011	Professionalism in Allied Health	32	2	None
HI-1014	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Medical Terminology	96	6	PDF/eBook
HI-6014	Sterile Processing	96	6	Text

### EXPERIENTIAL/CLINICAL COMPONENT:

CRCST certification requires that students pass the certification exam and complete 400 hours of hands-on experience in a CS (central services) department. These hours can be completed before testing or within 6 months of passing the exam. HSPA highly recommends completing, or at least beginning, hours of experience before testing. Hands-on experience provides an invaluable resource with which to better understand the standards, knowledge, and practices needed to be successful in a CS department and on the CRCST Exam. Hours can be obtained before, during or after passing the provisional certification exam. Hours obtained before provisional certification must have occurred within the last 5 years.

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING POLICY:

MedCerts does not perform criminal background checks, nor do we test students for illicit drug use. Please be advised that while MedCerts does not perform these checks, the student's drug, criminal, or immunization status may prevent clinical/externship placement and future employment as a healthcare or IT professionals. Externship sites, employers, and State Boards of Pharmacy or other regulatory boards have regulations about immunizations, drug use, and criminal backgrounds. Regulatory boards, externship sites, employers, and other organizations that may require these screenings for placement, and adverse results may prohibit you from moving forward in the program. Candidates with a felony conviction are not eligible to participate in ANY MedCerts program that includes the Pharmacy Technician certification as a primary or secondary certification

The student understands that MedCerts does not hold any control over the drug, immunization, criminal, or background screening processes or policies held by any organization outside of MedCerts.



*Upon 100% completion of this program, students will receive a "MedCerts Certificate of Program Completion." This is proof of completion of training but isn't a nationally recognized certification. Students are expected to take and pass the national certification exam through the issuing authority for recognized certification in their field.*