

# ST 9000

## Surgical/Sterile Processing Technician

TUITION	DURATION	TARGET CERTIFICATION
\$6,000	24 weeks	TS-C Tech in Surgery- Certified CRCST Certified Registered Central Service Technician



REQUIREMENTS
High School Diploma or GED



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### PROGRAM DETAILS

The Surgical/Sterile Processing Technician is a comprehensive program that combines the duties of Surgical Technology and Sterile Processing, allowing graduates to wear multiple hats in a clinical setting. In this unique role, the technician receives, documents, packages, sterilizes, stores and/or issues instruments, equipment and supplies for use in medical procedures. Sterile Processing Technicians perform some of the most critical safety tasks that exist in the healthcare sector – preventing infection and the spread of illness by working behind the scenes to sterilize all surgical instruments.

The MedCerts Surgical/Sterile Processing Technician program provides students with immersive and virtual hands-on learning experiences that allow for demonstration of key clinical skills. Surgical procedures are demonstrated using virtual tools or live-recorded video and are simulated – allowing the students to immerse themselves into a virtual experience that is engaging, safe, and repeatable.

This program prepares students to become Tech in Surgery – Certified (TS-C) by the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT). After passing the TS-C exam, full certification is obtained after a documented 125 surgical cases have been performed. Professionals who earn the TS-C designation have the clinical skills and knowledge for maintaining asepsis during surgery, anticipating the surgeon’s needs, and remaining attentive to all aspects of the surgical procedure to ensure a safe environment for the patient.

### 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

- Scrub Technician
- Sterile Processing Surgical Technician
- OR Technician (ORT)
- Certified Scrub Technician
- Operation Room Surgical Technician

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

- ✓ Sterilize medical equipment and instruments
- ✓ Support the needs of the surgeon
- ✓ Clean, decontaminate, and disinfect
- ✓ Documentation and records management
- ✓ Distinguish preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative duties

*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. We strongly advise students to research target job posts from area employers and relevant state requirements, barriers, or restrictions prior to enrollment to ensure eligibility upon graduation.*

**This program is not accepted in the following states: ID, IL, MA, NV, NY, SC, TN, TX, and VA.**



### TARGET CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications	Issuing Authority	Exam Details
Tech in Surgery-Certified (TS-C)	National Center for Competency Testing	4 Hours, 175 questions/25 pretest
Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)	HealthCare Sterile Processing Association	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	eBook
HI-6014	Sterile Processing	96	6	Text Book
HI-6016	Surgical Technology	160	10	eBook

### EXPERIENTIAL/CLINICAL COMPONENT:

Graduates who attempt and pass the TS-C exam must complete CASE DOCUMENTATION within two (2) years of the test date. Case documentation requires a minimum of 125 surgical cases, including a minimum of 50 scrubs in general surgery; a minimum of 20 scrubs in orthopedic surgery; and a minimum of 55 scrubs in at least two of the following areas: Gynecology, Genitourinary, Cardiovascular, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics. Thoracic, Peripheral Vascular, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Plastic/Reconstructive, other (specify). Students are responsible for locating and securing a site to fulfill the clinical requirements of the program. MedCerts cannot guarantee placement to complete this clinical requirement.

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. 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.*

Please carefully review the above program specific information and contact your Student Success Advisor if you have any questions or require further clarification of the contents.