

**SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2013**

ITEM: Post-Audit Review Follow-up Report for the Central Sterile Supply Technician, Certificate.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION: *RESOLVED*, That the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors receive and approve the Post-Audit Review Follow-up Report for the Central Sterile Supply Technician, Certificate as requested by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

STAFF MEMBER: Judith Curry

BACKGROUND:

During the 2011-2012 academic year a post-audit review of the Central Sterile Supply Technician, Certificate program was conducted by the Department of Allied Health and Nursing in accordance with the provisions of Series 37 of the Council for Community and Technical College Education rules, *Increased Flexibility for Community and Technical Colleges*. At its April 13, 2012 meeting, the Board of Governors approved continuation of the Central Sterile Supply Technician, Certificate program without corrective action and submitted the post-audit review report to the Council for Community and Technical College Education for review and approval.

At its August 16, 2012 meeting, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education accepted the post-audit report for the Central Sterile Supply Technician, Certificate program and requested a follow-up report. The Council requested a follow-up report addressing specific assessment measures and how the results are utilized for program improvement. The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education also requested that specific examples be provided of how the Allied Health and Business Advisory Committee are involved in providing program direction or guiding program improvement.

Included in this report is the information requested by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Post-Audit Review Follow-up Report
For Occupational Programs Implemented
Under the Provisions of
Series 37, Increased Flexibility for Community and Technical Colleges
West Virginia Council for
Community and Technical College Education
Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Central Sterile Supply, Technician

POST-AUDIT FOLLOW-UP REPORT
2012 – 2013
Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Program without Specialized Accreditation

Program: Central Sterile Supply Technician, Certificate

The 2012 post-audit review of the Central Sterile Supply Technician, program (CSS) resulted in a continuation at the current level of activity without corrective action. The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education requested a follow-up report addressing specific assessment measures and how the results are utilized for program improvement. The Council also requested that specific examples be provided of how the Allied Health and Business Advisory Committee are involved in providing program direction or guiding program improvement.

The specific assessment measures are the standards set by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCSMM). IAHCSMM requires 400 clinical hands-on hours which must be met before applying to take the certification exam. The 400 hours are broken down into ten areas where the hands-on experience must occur. Student rotations at the various clinical sites meet the 400 hundred hour requirements.

The Central Sterile Supply Department supervisors of the clinical facilities utilized by the Central Sterile Supply Technician program are members and attend the annual college advisory committee meeting. Supervisors have provided input and approved the current curriculum changes and donated expired supplies that students may use for practice in the lab. The facilities notify our institution of openings in the Central Sterile Supply Department in their facility, and also of new changes being made in the field. The attendance of the Central Sterile Supply Department supervisors can be noted in the advisory minutes.

One clinical facility, also a member of the advisory committee, did request that Southern provide a program for current employees working in their Department of Central Sterile Supply. The employees were in need of the IAHCSMM certification. The request was for these employees not to have to complete the entire certification program at the college, but acquire the knowledge for the IAHCSMM Certification.

This specific program request was designed for the currently working central service employee. The current employee would have already received their 400 hands-on hours. The following classes, which are comprised of seven (7) credit hours, would be taken at Southern to meet the obligation in order to take the IAHCSMM Certification exam. These classes would/could fall into a skill set:

AH 130	Introduction to Sterile Processing
AH 135	Surgical Instrumentation
AH 160	Sterile Processing II

Students who are taking select courses for a certification and working in the department of Central Sterile Supply have met the criteria of the 400 hour requirement. Other students pursuing the Southern certificate and certification will attain the 400 clinical hour requirement by completing the required courses, AH 165, Sterile Processing Practicum I, and AH 167, Sterile Processing Practicum II.

Appendix IV in the post-audit, graduate information was listed. The following includes this data and also spring 2012 graduate information:

- 2010: Three students completed the CSS requirements for the IAHCSSM certification only.
Two students obtained a certificate from Southern and passed the IAHCSSM certification.
- 2011: Two students completed the CSS requirements for the IAHCSSM certification only.
There were a total of zero students that obtained a certificate from Southern.
- 2012: Five students obtained a certificate from Southern and two have passed the IAHCSSM certification. Two students are working in the field of CSS. Three students are continuing their education in various Associate in Applied Science Allied Health Programs at Southern.

Two clinical facilities utilized at this time have job openings in the area of the Central Sterile Supply Department.

The program meets a validated industry demand and graduates can find gainful employment. Most students are unaware of the focus of the central sterile technologist and the job opportunities. The coordinator feels the lack of understanding of the program is one reason for the low admission. The coordinator visited the AH 220, Trends in Healthcare, class during the spring 2013 semester to provide students a more detailed understanding of the program. The class was very receptive and had numerous questions regarding the program.

Also, the coordinator and/or faculty will be notifying clinical facilities of the program. Employees of these facilities, working in the Central Sterile Supply Department, and are not certified, will be informed of the above option and offered this via an online format.

It is the recommendation of the Department of Allied Health and Nursing that the Central Sterile Supply Certificate Program be granted continuance. Online courses will be developed and initiated to accommodate the current workforce.

Recruitment will be on-going for students to complete the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Certificate in Central Sterile Supply.