

Southern West Virginia 2022-2023 Southern Academic Catalog Community Technical College

Central Sterile Technician, Skill set

Purpose

The Central Sterile Technician Skill Set prepares the student to ensure that all instruments used by medical personnel in the healthcare facility are clean and sterile. This entails performing manual cleaning prior to sterilization, placing cleaned instruments in sterilizers, and the ability to run and monitor the sterilizers. Central Sterile Technicians are integral members of the healthcare team who are responsible for decontaminating, inspecting, assembling, disassembling, packaging and sterilizing surgical instruments and devices in a healthcare facility that is essential to patient safety. To earn certifications, candidates are required to successfully demonstrate skills through completion of 400 hours of hands-on work experience as well as successful completion of an examination developed to measure the understanding of general central services and infection prevention topics.

The full Central Sterile Technician Skill Set is available on the Logan Campus. Some courses may be offered online. Check schedule for offerings.

Skill Set Requirements

- [AH 130 - Introduction to Sterile Processing](#) 2 Credit Hours
- [AH 135 - Surgical Instrumentation](#) 3 Credit Hours
- [AH 160 - Sterile Processing II](#) 2 Credit Hours
- [AH 165 - Sterile Processing Practicum I](#) 4 Credit Hours
- [AH 167 - Sterile Processing Practicum II](#) 4 Credit Hours

Total Credit Hours: 15
