

STERILE PROCESSING, SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Curriculum Code #2103

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Division of Health and Wellness Sciences (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-programs/allied-health-nursing-health-physical-education-recreation/>)

The Sterile Processing short term technical certificate is a two-semester program that consists of academic, lab, and clinical skills. This certificate will provide individuals with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of sterile processing principles and techniques. Sterile processing technicians are an integral part of healthcare, as they are responsible for the decontamination, sterilization, and distribution of medical instruments and supplies. This is a highly specialized field that requires technical knowledge and skills, as well as a commitment to excellence and quality patient care. Upon completion of the program and 400 experience hours, the graduate will be prepared and take the Healthcare Sterile Processing's (formally known as IAHCMM) Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) examination. Lorain County Community College has articulation agreements with colleges and universities including programs offered by Lorain County Community College's University Partnership.

Note: The CRCST Certification is accredited by both the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

First Year		
Fall Semester		Hours
STRP 101	STERILE PROCESSING FUNDAMENTALS ¹	5
STRP 120	STERILE PROCESSING ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES ^{1,3}	5
SDEV 101	INTRODUCTION TO THE LCCC COMMUNITY ²	1
Hours		11
Spring Semester		
STRP 113	STERILE PROCESSING DIRECTED PRACTICE I ^{1,3,4}	5
Select one of the following:		4-5
STRP 114	STERILE PROCESSING DIRECTED PRACTICE II ^{3,4}	
STRP 115	STERILE PROCESSING INTERNSHIP ^{3,4}	
Hours		9-10
Total Hours		20-21

¹ Indicates that a grade of C (2.0) or better must be earned in order to continue in the sequence.

² A student must register for the orientation course when enrolling for more than six credit hours per semester or any course that would result in an accumulation of 12 or more credit hours.

³ Indicates that this course has a prerequisite.

⁴ This course offers an opportunity for experiential learning.

Also accepting a spring cohort. Students starting in the spring semester will follow the same sequence.

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For information about admissions, enrollment, transfer, graduation and other general questions, please contact your advising team (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/admissions-and-enrollment/advising-and-counseling/>).

Admission Requirements for Sterile Processing

1. Official high school or GED and college/program transcripts (if applicable) on file in the LCCC Records office.
2. Student will be at least 18 years of age by start of the program.
3. High school or college GPAs of 2.0 or higher.
4. Attend an information session via self-paced online or in-person.

Learn more about Allied Health program requirements (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-information/allied-health-nursing-admissions/>)

Credit for Prior Learning (PLA) options may be available for your program. For more information, please visit our website: www.lorainccc.edu/PLA (<http://www.lorainccc.edu/PLA>)

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Sterile Processing Certificate, the graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the principle, practices, and safety regulations in sterile processing to ensure safety and quality of care for patients.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical, moral, legal, and medical standards related to the patient and the sterile processing team.
3. Demonstrate effective communication and team-building skills when working with colleagues in sterile processing.
4. Develop and maintain records related to sterilization processes along with identifying and troubleshooting common issues that may arise with sterilization equipment.
5. Accurately demonstrate a safe and professional level of practice, skill and knowledge in their role as an entry-level Sterile Processing Technician.
6. Graduates will be prepared to take the Healthcare Sterile Processing's (formally known as IAHCMM) Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) examination.