

STERILE PROCESSING, ONE-YEAR TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Curriculum Code #2105

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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 Technician one year technical certificate program will prepare the graduate to work within a health-care facility to ensure medical and surgical supplies, instruments, and equipment are properly cleaned, prepared, processed, stored, and distributed for patient care and surgical use. This program includes additional support courses to prepare students for advanced level positions and towards an associate's degree pathway that meets all prerequisite requirements to apply and matriculate into surgical technology. This program combines lecture, lab, and directed practice to meet The International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCSMM) guidelines for gaining the Certified Registered Central Sterile Technician (CRCST) credential. Upon graduation and completion of 400 experience hours the student will be prepared and take CRCST examination.

First Year

Fall Semester		Hours
STRP 101	STERILE PROCESSING FUNDAMENTALS ¹	5
STRP 110	STERILE PROCESSING DIRECTED PRACTICE I ⁵	3
ALHN 112	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	1
ALHN 113	INTRODUCTION TO PATIENT CARE ²	1
ENGL 161	COLLEGE COMPOSITION I	3
MTHM 158 or MTHM 168	QUANTITATIVE REASONING or STATISTICS	3
SDEV 101	COLLEGE 101 ³	1
	Hours	17
Spring Semester		
STRP 120	STERILE PROCESSING ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES ^{1,4}	5
STRP 111 or STRP 112	STERILE PROCESSING DIRECTED PRACTICE II ^{4,5} or STERILE PROCESSING INTERNSHIP	3
BIOG 115 or BIOG 121	BODY STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION ⁶ or ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	3-4
CISS 121	MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS I	3
	Hours	14-15
	Total Hours	31-32

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

² Students who have STNA status are not required to take ALHN 113

³ 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 13 or more credit hours.

⁴ Indicates that this course has a prerequisite.

⁵ This course offers an opportunity for experiential learning.

⁶ If a student is considering an LCCC associate degree or transferring to the University Partnership consider BIOG 121 & BIOG 122 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. Program application form on file
3. Minimum GPA of 2.0 for college-level courses including transfer/transient work (excludes developmental education and more than two physical education courses).
4. Attend informational session on Sterile Processing career field. Contact the advising team for specific dates, times, and location.

Allied health professionals: Applicants from a patient care related allied health/nursing background may transfer credit or receive credit through prior learning assessment for the following sterile processing courses:

- ALHN 112 INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
- ALHN 113 INTRODUCTION TO PATIENT CARE

This will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the program director.

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

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Adhere to professional behaviors of caring, accountability, responsibility, and respect for the quality of patient care.
2. Utilize critical thinking with sterile technique and sterile processing concepts for clinical judgment, anticipatory decision making, and managing tasks related to the sterile processing technician role.
3. Perform technical skills in managing the process for surgical instrumentation sterilization, inventory control and supply chain management, and information technology as it relates to the sterile processing environment.