

ST 9000


Surgical/Sterile Processing Technician



TUITION	DURATION	TARGET CERTIFICATION	ISSUING AUTHORITIES
\$6,000	24 weeks	TS-C Tech in Surgery- Certified CRCST Certified Registered Central Service Technician	 National Center for Competency Testing 

REQUIREMENTS

See Program Details section for enrollment requirements

Call us anytime 
(800) 734.1175

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Surgical/Sterile Processing Technician program 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.

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.

Program Admission Requirements:

- **Employer/Clinical Sponsorship** - Applicants to these programs MUST provide verification that an Employer or Clinical Site has agreed to accept the applicant in efforts to fulfill "surgical case" requirements required for Tech in Surgery (TS-C) certification before enrollment. With this Sponsorship, the student must be guaranteed to perform a minimum of required surgical cases during the term of enrollment or immediately upon completion of their MedCerts program.
- The **MedCerts Student Clinical Site Information Form** must be submitted (<https://info.medcerts.com/clinical-site>) to MedCerts prior to enrollment.

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

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.

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 available to residents of the following states: AR, CT, ID, IL, MA, ND, NV, NY, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI

ATTAINABLE CAREERS

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



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:

To be eligible for the TS-C certification, graduates must complete CASE DOCUMENTATION. Case documentation requires a minimum of 125 surgical cases, including a minimum of 30 scrubs in general surgery (with a maximum of 50); and a minimum of 75 scrubs in at least (3) three of the following areas: Gynecology, Genitourinary, Cardiovascular, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics, Thoracic, Peripheral Vascular, Ophthalmology, Otorhinolaryngology, Plastic/Reconstructive, other (specify). At least 90 of the 125 cases must be 1st scrub cases. MedCerts students must complete these clinical hours before attempting to take the Tech in Surgery - Certified national certification exam issued through the NCCT. Students enrolling through an Employer or Academic Sponsored program are not required to complete clinical elements before attempting the certification exam. 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 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.