

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Sterile Processing certificate is a 28-credit program that prepares graduates to work in medical facilities that prepare surgical instruments, supplies and equipment necessary for healthcare. This program includes a broad introduction to health sciences, as well as medical language, communication and computers. The program curriculum includes decontamination, preparation, packaging, sterilization, and sterile storage.

The Sterile Processing certificate is a prerequisite to the Surgical Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Please see Surgical Technology AAS for more information.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Prepared for entry-level employment in a sterile processing position.
- Eligible to take the certification examination following 400 hours of professional employment.
- Eligible to apply to the AAS Surgical Technology program

Industry and Career Outlook

The work environment is dynamic and fast-paced. The work is challenging, highly technical, and complex. The performance of this vital department has a major impact on the smooth operation of the many departments to which it provides products and services. Employment opportunities may be within hospitals, outpatient centers, and instrument processing centers.

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#).

Program Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August
Spring Semester.....January

Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see [course descriptions](#) for more details.

MnTC General Education Requirements

This program requires completion of the following nineteen credits of general education from at least three goal areas of the [Minnesota Transfer Curriculum](#) (MnTC).

- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology (Goal 2&3)..... 4
- BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I (Goal 2&3) 4
- BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II (Goal 2&3) 4
- PSYC 1406 General Psychology (Goal 5)..... 4
- OR**
- PSYC 1506 Lifespan Development (Goal 5) 4
- SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communication (Goal 1&7)..... 3
- OR**
- SPCH 1500 Intercultural Communication (Goal 1&7) 3

Program Sequence

- First Semester** 6
- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology 4
- COMP 1002 Computer Technologies for Communication..... 2
- Second Semester** 10
- BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I..... 4
- HLTH 1040 Medical Terminology..... 2
- PSYC 1406 General Psychology (Goal 5)..... 4
- OR**
- PSYC 1506 Lifespan Development (Goal 5) 4
- Third Semester** 12
- BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II..... 4
- SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communication (Goal 1&7)..... 3
- OR**
- SPCH 1500 Intercultural Communication (Goal 1&7) 3
- SURG 1003 Sterile Processing..... 3
- SURG 1005 Surgical Microbiology 2

Graduation Requirements

All BIOL courses must be completed with a grade of B or higher. All other courses required for this program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

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Also see: Surgical Technology AAS