

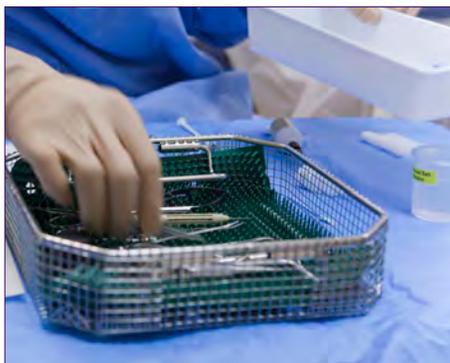
MEDICAL CENTRAL SERVICE



Central service technicians provide support to all patient care services in the health care facility. They are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing, and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery. The Medical Central Service Technology Vocational Certificate Program at Prairie State College (PSC) provides students with the up-to-date technology and knowledge of sterile processing.

CERTIFICATION

This course prepares participants for the national exam for Central Service for the Certification of Healthcare Sterile Processing and Distribution.



ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

Students are taught how to properly sterilize and store medical instruments and are prepared for all positions within the Central Sterile Processing Department. Central service technicians provide vital support in all patient care services and are responsible for knowing all of the tools used in an operating room, as well as sterilizing and packaging instruments used during surgery.

Students are taught to decontaminate, assemble, inspect, and sterilize today's most advanced medical equipment used in surgical procedures. They also will learn to keep records associated with sterilization monitors, orders, charges to patients, and inventory.

Benefit from high quality training in all aspects of hospital central service, material management and instrument processing procedures. The Medical Central Service program is designed to fully prepare students to successfully take the Certified Central Service Technician Examination.

A hands-on clinical tour at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights familiarizes students with the environment and procedures.

JOB OUTLOOK

With the ever-expanding technological advancements in medical supplies, instrumentation, medical devices and equipment, highly trained individuals are needed in the field of central service technology. The median annual earnings in this field range from \$24,450 to \$36,604.

Refer to the current course schedule for course dates and times or visit prairiestate.edu/ced.

USE INSTANT ENROLLMENT

Register and pay for continuing education courses through Instant Enrollment on WebAdvisor.

To register, go to prairiestate.edu and select How to Register for Non-Credit Courses from the A-Z index.

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1. Review and choose classes

Review and choose classes from the non-credit class schedule online at prairiestate.edu, or request a copy by calling (708) 709-3750.

Step 2. Register

1. Register online through WebAdvisor by following the Instant Enrollment instructions.

- If you have a WebAdvisor username and password, please log in before registering.
- If you are a new student, you will need to fill out the Personal Identification screen to create an account. Your username and password will be emailed to you upon registration.

2. Register in person at Enrollment Services on the main campus or at the Matteson Area Center on weekdays. (Please note that only credit and debit card payments are accepted at the Matteson Area Center).

3. Register by phone by calling (708) 709-3516 or (708) 709-3750. Please have your credit or debit card information ready.

4. Register by mail by completing the registration form at the back of the non-credit schedule. Send payment with completed registration form to Prairie State College, Office of Enrollment Services, 202 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. Checks should be made payable to Prairie State College. Driver's license number and phone number must be included on check.

Step 3. Payment

Pay tuition and fees. Payment is due in full at time of registration. Paying by cash or check, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover? Visit the Business Office to pay tuition. Note: Make checks payable to Prairie State College. Driver's license or State ID and a phone number is required for all checks. Prefer to pay at the Matteson Area Center? Only credit and debit cards are accepted for payment there.

REFUNDS

If you register for a non-credit class, but are unable to attend, you must come to the Matteson Area Center and complete a drop form. No refunds will be issued unless requested at least 48 business hours before the first class meeting.

WIA APPROVED COURSE

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) has helped many individuals obtain new job skills and training to make them more employable. If you meet the eligibility requirements and funding is available, WIA may help pay for your tuition, books, and other fees associated with college courses. The Medical Central Service Program is approved for WIA funding for eligible individuals. For more information on WIA, call (708) 709-7975.

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