

## CERTIFIED STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN (CSPDT)



The Certified Sterile Processing Technician Program is a twelve-week program that consists of 300 hours of classroom instruction, skills lab, and clinical experiences in a hospital setting. This course is designed to introduce the student to working in a healthcare setting with emphasis based on requirements and expectations to be successful as an entry-level Sterile Processing Technician. Course content includes, but is not limited to, identifying and communicating with members of the surgical operating team, describing regulations and standard expectations, promoting safety within the workplace, medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, infection control procedures, sterilization processes, decontamination procedures, and a basic understanding of the transmission of disease. Student competencies include stating and defining terminology, safety expectations, infection control measures, and decontamination/sterilization processes. Upon completion of this course, the student will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination through CBSPD (the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc).

***Jeremiah's Hope Academy is an Eligible Training Provider for WIOA, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Veterans GI Bill in the State of Alabama. Check with your County's Career Center for more information.***

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### Application Requirements:

A high school diploma or GED is required. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, complete a background check, and drug screening. Interviews are required. This process is lengthy and competitive but assures that students will be qualified to work in hospitals and healthcare institutions. Nonrefundable application fees required.

### Training

Training includes classroom, skills lab and clinical experience classes in the hospital setting. The curriculum is demanding and study outside of class is required. For Sterile Processing Technicians, the clinical experience occurs simultaneously with the classroom instruction allowing students to experience hands-on learning as early as the first week of class.

- **\$20 Application Fee (Non-refundable) due with completed application**
- **Tuition (includes books, supplies and basic cert. fee): \$1,770.00**
- Additional cost for clinical scrubs

**\*Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Fees effective January, 2018 and are subject to change.**

# **Sterile Processing Technician FAQs**

## ***Where do Sterile Processing Technicians work, what are their hours, and what do they do?***

Sterile Processing Technicians are most often employed by hospitals, clinics or third-party service providers, such as IMS, that provide sterile processing personnel and equipment to healthcare facilities. Sterile Processing Technicians usually work 40 hours per week. Since hospitals provide care 24 hours per day every day of the year, some Sterile Processing Technicians will be scheduled for night and weekend shifts when working in a hospital. Sterile Processing Technicians are a valuable healthcare team member that decontaminates, sterilizes, and maintains instruments, equipment and supplies that are used in healthcare procedures and surgeries. They keep detailed records and follow specific procedures to protect the patients and healthcare staff from exposure to infection. Sterile Processing Technicians answer a particular vocational call to sacred work.

## ***What can the Sterile Processing Technician expect to do while on the job?***

A Sterile Processing Technician sterilizes and assembles all of the equipment required for surgery, exams and other medical procedures. Typically, they are also responsible for taking inventory and ordering equipment as needed. Sterile Processing Technicians work in settings where medical equipment is used, and interact with other members of the health care team.

## ***What are the physical demands of being a Sterile Processing Technician?***

Sterile Processing Technicians will lift, carry, and push items; they also may bend, reach, and twist as they carry out their job duties. Standing, walking and sitting will occur while completing tasks. Sterile Processing Technicians may be required to lift up to 50 pounds.

## ***What will the Sterile Processing Technician training include?***

The Sterile Processing Technician program is a twelve- to fourteen-week program that incorporates classroom, interactive skills lab, and on-site hospital clinical experiences. Classroom instruction provides a thorough preparation in instruments, decontamination/sterilization processes, medical terminology, infection control, record-keeping and healthcare delivery. Additionally, the students receive classroom instruction in Life Skills and Mission Based Care, which provides them with a holistic view of patient care and the vital role of the Sterile Processing Technician in that care. The students are provided the opportunity to work in the hospital alongside Sterile Processing Technicians as they develop their skills and knowledge.

## ***What is the class schedule for Sterile Processing Technician training at Jeremiah's Hope Academy?***

The class schedule is dependent upon available classroom space, and is subject to change based upon the classroom needs of St. Vincent's Hospital Birmingham for meetings and training events. You can go to the website at [www.jhacademy.org](http://www.jhacademy.org) to see the most up to date class schedules.

## ***Can I expect to find employment as a Sterile Processing Technician?***

Every hospital and clinic requires sterile processing to prevent infection, and nearly every hospital or third-party provider of sterile processing services has frequent openings for Certified Sterile Processing Technicians. All jobs in the field of healthcare, including Sterile Processing Technology, are expected to grow, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).