Career Spotlight

The Connecticut Department of Labor (CTDOL) reports the statewide average annual income for medical equipment preparers is $39,392 and the entry level hourly rate is $15.47. The current job market calls for Central Sterile Processing Technicians not just in hospitals, but also in places like surgical centers, endoscopy offices, dental offices, and even traveling opportunities for temporary assignments. Employment in this occupation is expected to grow about as fast as average, and the number of annual openings will offer good or favorable job opportunities. The CTDOL projects an average of 12 annual job openings through 2024.

Visit these websites for Career Information:

The Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD) www.sterileprocessing.org

International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management www.IAHCSMM.org

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mail: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
1320 Braddock Place, Room 334
Alexandria, VA 22314; or
fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
email: FNSCIVILRIGHTSCOMPLAINTS@usda.gov
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Naugatuck Valley Community College is pleased to offer a Central Sterile Processing Technician (CSPT) program. This entry-level health care career position prepares the student for work in a hospital, surgical center, doctors’ offices and other facility that utilizes a central sterile supply department.

Responsibilities:
The Central Sterile Processing Technician can greatly contribute to the safety of patients and the success of surgeries and procedures performed by surgeons and physicians by:

- sterilizing and packaging tools with accuracy;
- careful inspection of instruments;
- maintaining the cleanliness of medical settings;
- and assuring the appropriate inventory of supplies.

Requirements:
Students must have a high school diploma or GED to register for this course.

Medical Terminology
The Language of Health Care. This course is suggested for the Central Sterile Processing Technician. This may be taken prior or concurrently with the CSPT Program.

Ready to learn the “lingo” of health care? This course is designed to provide an introduction to medical terminology with an emphasis on basic, essential information. You will learn:

- basic word structure;
- suffixes & prefixes;
- organization & body systems;
- and medical specialty terminology.

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This 83 hour program includes such topics as: anatomy and physiology; microbiology and infection control; decontamination and sterilization processing; and how to handle, care for, and identify surgical instruments.

The course includes a tour at an area hospital in the Central Sterile Processing Department.

The cost of the textbook is included in the course fee and will be distributed the first night of class.

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Here’s what our students are say about our program:

“I loved taking the Central Sterile class especially with an instructor that was so enthusiastic” - Michelle Walden

“This class was excellent! Not only was the teacher fantastic, but so were my classmates. I have learned so much in the past few weeks. - Catherine Hanley

“Course was very helpful in understanding Central Sterile. Enjoyed going on the field trip to Danbury Hospital to see hands on Experience. Very important.” - Brian Fegusen

I had a wonderful experience at NVCC. My professor, Ms. Pennell taught the course in a way that was well understood.” - Kebeh Zeze

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