

## *Career Studies Certificate: Central Service Technology*

**AREA:** Central Service Technology

Central Service technicians are trained in principles, methods and control of sterilization processes; and the cleaning, processing, packaging, distributing, storing and inventory of sterile goods, instruments, trays and equipment.

**LENGTH:** Two semesters (Fall and Spring)

**PURPOSE:** The central service technology program is designed to prepare students to 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.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Application to Lord Fairfax Community College
2. LFCC placement tests and completion of any developmental work that may be identified by the placement test. Must show competency in MTE 1-3 and ENG 111 to satisfy requirements without taking remediation.
3. High school diploma or GED official transcripts must be forwarded to the Health Career Office (Room 107 – Tina Putman)
4. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 to be considered for admission.
5. Completion of Hobet test (Health Occupation Basic Entrance Test).
6. Completion of physical examination, including an eye examination and all required immunizations. Applicants must be free from physical or mental conditions which might adversely affect their performance.
7. Current certification in CPR (American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Provider –Adult, infant, and child)
8. Return completed and signed Central Service Technology Career Studies Certificate application to the Health Science Division office.
9. An interview will be scheduled with the Central Service Technology instructor after the May 1 application deadline.
10. Completion of criminal background search, finger printing, drug screen, and psychological screening as required to the satisfaction of affiliating clinical agencies.
11. All fees charged for required testing, liability insurance, books, uniforms, criminal background search, drug screen, and psychological screen are the responsibility of the students.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

<u>Course#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>		
SUR 93	Introduction to Central Services	3
SUR 293	Infection Control	2
HIM 111	Medical Terminology I	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>		
SUR 193	Fundamentals of Central Services	3
SUR 260	Clinical Applications*	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Program Total</b>	<b>16</b>

\*Clinical Applications: 100 clinical hours needed which will be applied to the required 400 clinical hours required to take the certification examination for CRST Certification.