

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.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: will give the student 100 clinical hours nearing the required 400 clinical hours, to sit for the Certified Registered Central Service Technician Examination (CRCST). Once the student passes the International Examination to become a CRCST the student may be employed by a hospital, ambulatory surgery center, or other facility. The CRCST works in the Sterilization department of facilities performing duties such as: decontamination, sterilization, wrapping and packaging, and sterile stores.

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 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.
6. Current certification in CPR (American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Provider –Adult, infant, and child)
7. Completion of criminal background search, finger printing, drug screen, and physical screening as required to the satisfaction of affiliating clinical agencies.

8. All fees charged for required testing, liability insurance, books, uniforms, criminal background search, drug screen, and physical screen are the responsibility of the students.

<u>Course#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
First Semester (Fall)		
SUR 130	Introduction to Central Services	3
SUR 135	Infection Control	2
HIM 111	Medical Terminology I	3
	Total	8
Second Semester (Spring)		
SUR 235	Fundamentals of Central Services	3
SUR 230	Clinical Applications*	5
	Total	8
	Program Total	16

*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.