

### Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Sterile Processing certificate is a 24-credit program prepares graduates to work in medical facilities that prepare surgical instruments, supplies and equipment necessary for healthcare. This program includes a broad introduction to health sciences, as well as medical language, communication and computers. The program curriculum includes decontamination, preparation, packaging, sterilization, and sterile storage.

The Sterile Processing certificate is a prerequisite to the Surgical Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Please see Surgical Technology AAS for more information.

### Prerequisites

BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology is a prerequisite to BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology.

Some courses may require appropriate test score or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a "C" or better.

### Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), diploma or certification must meet the grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Please contact your advisor for any further program graduation requirements.

### Transfer Opportunities

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:

- [Minnesota Transfer](http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search): (www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s\_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from\_inst=70&from\_prog=&to\_inst=&Search=Search)
- [Anoka Technical College transfer student](http://www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx): (www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx)

### Industry Information

The work environment is dynamic and fast-paced. The work is challenging, highly technical, and complex. The performance of this vital department has a major impact on the smooth operation of the many departments to which it provides products and services. Employment opportunities may be within hospitals, outpatient centers, and instrument processing centers.

### Wage/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp) (http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp).

### Gainful Employment

Follow this link for [Gainful Employment Report](#).

### Technical Education: 9 Credits

- COMP 1002 Computer Technologies for Communication..... 2
- HLTH 1040 Medical Terminology..... 2
- SURG 1003 Sterile Processing..... 3
- SURG 1005 Surgical Microbiology..... 2

### General Education/MnTC Requirements: 19 Credits

Nineteen (19) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology ..... 4
- BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I..... 4
- BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II..... 4
- PSYC 1406 General Psychology ..... 4
- OR**
- PSYC 1506 Lifespan Development ..... 4
- OR**
- PSYC 1606 Abnormal Psychology ..... 4
- SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communications..... 3
- OR**
- SPCH 1120 Public Speaking ..... 3
- OR**
- SPCH 1500 Intercultural Communication ..... 3

*Also see: Surgical Technology AAS*

### Start Dates

Fall Semester..... August  
 Spring Semester..... January

### Faculty Contact

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or [EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu](mailto:EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu)

### Sample Program Sequence

Full Time

	First Semester	Second Semester
1 <sup>st</sup> YEAR	*BIOL 1106..... 4	BIOL 2100..... 4
		COMP 1002..... 2
		HLTH 1040..... 2
		PSYC 1406 <b>OR</b> 1506 <b>OR</b> 1606..... 4
	<b>TOTAL ..... 4</b>	<b>TOTAL ..... 12</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> YEAR	SPCH 1120 <b>OR</b> 1200 <b>OR</b> 1500..... 3	
	BIOL 2200..... 4	
	SURG 1003..... 3	
	SURG 1005..... 2	
	<b>TOTAL ..... 12</b>	

*\*BIOL 1106 is a prerequisite for BIOL 2100. Please contact your program advisor with any questions. BIOL 1106 requires a Reading score of 78 or higher on the Accuplacer, appropriate test scores or completion of READ 0900.*

