

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 in Applied Science (AAS) degree. Please see Surgical Technology AAS for more information.

Prerequisites

*BIOL 1106 Introduction to Biology is a prerequisite to BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology.

Some courses may require an Accuplacer/ACT 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 in 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: 15 Credits

Fifteen (15) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

- BIOL 2100* Anatomy & Physiology I..... 4
- BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II..... 4
- PSYC 1505 General Psychology..... 4
- OR
- PSYC 1405 Lifespan Development 4
- SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communications..... 3
- OR
- SPCH 1120 Public Speaking 3

Also see: Surgical Technology AAS

Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August
 Spring SemesterJanuary

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

Sample Program Sequence:

Full Time

| | First Semester | Second Semester |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1st YEAR | COMP 1002 2 | BIOL 2200 4 |
| | *BIOL 2100 4 | SPCH 1200 or 1120 3 |
| | HLTH 1040 2 | SURG 1003 3 |
| | PSYC 1505 or 1405 4 | SURG 1005 2 |
| | TOTAL 15 | TOTAL 12 |

*BIOL 1106 is a prerequisite for BIOL 2100. Please contact your program advisor with any questions.

