

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Sterile Processing certificate is a 28-credit program that 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.

Program Learning Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Prepared for entry-level employment in a sterile processing position. Eligible to take the certification examination following 400 hours of professional employment.

Eligible to apply to the AAS Surgical Technology program

Course Prerequisites

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

- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology requires a Reading score of 78 or higher on the Accuplacer, or appropriate test score, or completion of READ 0900 or READ 0960.
- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology is a prerequisite to BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I.
- BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I is a prerequisite to BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II.

Graduation Requirements

Successful completion of the Sterile Processing certification with a grade of “B” or higher in all required Biology courses and a grade of “C” or higher in the remaining required courses.

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](#)
- [Anoka Technical College transfer student](#)

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](#).

Start Dates

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

Program Sequence

First Semester	6
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> COMP 1002 Computer Technologies for Communication.....	2
Second Semester	10
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2100 Anatomy & Physiology I.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1040 Medical Terminology.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1406 General Psychology	4
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1506 Lifespan Development	4
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1606 Abnormal Psychology	4
Third Semester	12
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2200 Anatomy & Physiology II.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communication	3
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1120 Public Speaking	3
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1500 Intercultural Communication.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SURG 1003 Sterile Processing.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SURG 1005 Surgical Microbiology	2

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

Also see: Surgical Technology AAS