



Be prepared for a rewarding career in Health Care!

STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN

<https://partners.pennfoster.edu/industries/healthcare/clinical-health-care-programs/sterile-processing-technician>

- The program covers a variety of topics such as Allied Health Careers, Building of Sterile Processing and Sterile Processing Technology. Students will gain an overview of allied health careers and learn about the state and federal healthcare laws and regulations. Additionally, students will learn medical terminology and gain an understanding of microbiology and how pathogens can cause disease. Finally, students will learn how medical equipment is cleaned, decontaminated, and disinfected. Students can begin the program at age 17, however, they must be 18 years old to begin their externship. This program will require students to obtain clearances for their externship.

This program aligns and prepares student to sit for the **Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) exam through the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCMM)**. After passing the certification exam, students will be required to complete 400 hours of hands-on experience in a Sterile Processing Department. Hours must be completed within 6 months of completing the exam.

Students can Expect 6-9 Months to Complete the Program.

- Varies by student based upon weekly number of hours of study.
- Clearances may be required depending on the location the student chooses to complete the 400 hours hands on experience.

Workforce Opportunities Include Sterile Processing Technician

Students who complete the CRCST exam and the 400 hours of hands-on experience will be ready to work alongside physicians and providers, surgeons, registered nurses and other healthcare workers at hospitals, outpatient care centers, physicians and providers' offices, and other medical facilities as a Sterile Processing Technician.

COST | \$1,050

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