

Central Service Technician Certificate

Certificate Number 90-512-1

Description:

The Central Service Technician certificate prepares individuals to work within the central service department of health care facilities. The certificate provides training in inventory control, the prevention of infection and sterilization, the assembly of supplies, equipment, and instruments according to prescribed procedures and techniques to support multiple patient care areas.

Requirements for Certificate Entry:

- High school diploma, GED or equivalent.
- Physical examination within three months before entering certificate and maintain current immunization information.
- Must be able to reach, bend, and stand for long periods of time (two to four hours), as well as lift, push, and pull (50 pounds).

SPECIAL NOTES:

- No final grade lower than “C” is acceptable in any courses. Courses with grades lower than “C” must be repeated in order to continue in, or complete this certificate.
- All courses (except Central Service Technician Clinical) will be offered online.
- Students currently employed in a Central Service department will have an opportunity to apply work experience toward clinical hours. Clinical hours total 152 hours (19 eight-hour days).
- Prior to beginning 31-512-336 Central Service Tech Clinical, the following requirements must be met:
 - NWTC is required to comply with the Wisconsin Caregiver Law (1997 WISCONSIN ACT 27.) The completion of a caregiver background check includes the review of criminal records for convictions of serious crimes or a history of improper behavior. Students accepted into health programs, must complete a background information form disclosing any acts, crimes, or convictions prior to program entry. The information provided in the background information form must be truthful and match any findings on the criminal record check. Students with a criminal history may be denied access to clinical placement at the discretion of the clinical site. Consequently, should a student have a history of convictions of serious crimes or a history of improper behaviors, NWTC cannot guarantee clinical placement, or guarantee graduation within typical program timing.
 - Complete physical examination within three months before entering certificate and maintain current immunization information.

Certificate Completers Will be Able to:

- Apply aseptic technique, sterilization and disinfection principles.
- Apply methods of decontamination and use standard precautions.
- Classify surgical instruments.
- Prepare, package, and process items using various methods of sterilization.
- Apply guidelines for sterile storage.
- Distribute and inventory supplies and equipment.
- Apply credits towards the Surgical Technologist technical diploma program.
- Write the national certification exam offered by the National Institute for Certification of Health Care Sterile Processing and Distribution Personnel.

Curriculum

CATALOG #	DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
31-512-336 <i>Offered in: Summer 2008</i>	Central Service Tech Clinical... provides the opportunity to apply knowledge of the responsibilities of a Central Service Technician. Skills include infection control, aseptic technique, decontamination, instrumentation, sterilization, and inventory control. Student will participate in providing quality patient care. (Prerequisite: 31-512-335, Central Service Technician Theory)	3
31-512-335 <i>Offered in: Spring 2009</i>	Central Service Tech Theory... provides the knowledge needed to implement the responsibilities of a Central Service Technician. Areas addressed include introduction to Central Service, anatomy and physiology, infection control, aseptic technique, decontamination, instrumentation, sterilization, and inventory control. (Prerequisite: 31-512-326, ST-Infection Control)	3

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10-501-101 <i>Offered in: Summer 2008 Fall 2008 Spring 2009</i>	Medical Terminology ...focuses on the component parts of medical terms: Prefixes, suffixes, and root words. Students practice formation, analysis and reconstruction of terms. Emphasis on spelling, definition and pronunciation. Introduction to operative, diagnostic, therapeutic and symptomatic terminology of all body systems, as well as systemic and surgical terminology.	3
31-512-326 <i>Offered in: Summer 2008 Fall 2008 Spring 2009</i>	ST-Infection Control ...covers the structure, general classification, reproduction and transmission of microorganisms. Emphasis will be placed on the practice of sterile technique and its impact on infection control in the health care setting.	1
<i>Certificate Total</i>		10

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