

STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 31-534-2

Total Credits: 5

Mid-State's hands-on Sterile Processing Technician program prepares students to work with supplies and equipment related to surgery, obstetrics, emergency departments, and other patient care settings. Effective communication is vital within this multi-service area. The curriculum includes online instruction, lab, and clinical experience. The clinical portion of the course places students at a minimum of two sites. Students learn the principles of standard precautions, asepsis, disinfection, and sterilization procedures. Course completion leads to a technical diploma and eligibility for certification exams.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

mstc.edu • 888-575-6782 • TTY: 711



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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Sterile Processing Technician (5 Credits)
Start Your Career: Central Processing Technician, Central Services Technician, Instrument Specialist, Processing and Distribution Technician, Sterile Processing Technician,

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Related Programs: Dental Assistant, Health & Wellness Promotion, Health Information Management, Medical Assistant, Medical Coder, Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Sterile Processing Technician graduate, to be able to:

- Apply principles of infection control in the role of the sterile processing technician.
- Decontaminate instruments and equipment.
- Prepare instruments, equipment, and supplies.
- Apply sterilization techniques.
- Perform inventory control and distribution.
- Function as an ethical, legal, and professional member of the health care team.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the Technical Skills Attainment (TSA) is being assessed in the program.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply to the Sterile Processing Technician program, please submit the following document to Mid-State Admissions:

- Criminal Background Statement of Understanding and Release of Information form

Mid-State Technical College • Admissions
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function as a sterile processing technician is available at mstc.edu/programs/sterile-processing-technician. Contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

CLINICAL-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Prior to placement at a clinical site, students need to pay for a criminal background check and provide documentation of required health work.

Students are responsible for ensuring all requirements remain current during program enrollment.

Clinical sites have the right to refuse a student's placement based on inadequate health records, pending charges, or conviction records. Students with a criminal history may not be able to complete clinical courses. Mid-State will make two attempts to place a student in an appropriate clinical experience. If Mid-State is unable to place the student after two attempts, the student will be withdrawn from the clinical course and will not be able to advance in the program.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum placement scores.

College Reading and Writing 1 10831104

3 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra 10834109

3 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

MULTIPLE MEASURES

Students can place into courses using high school GPA and completed classes. Placement can be determined in the following ways:

- **Multiple Measures Writing (MMW)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school writing courses with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Reading (MMR)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school literature courses with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 1 (MMM_1)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school math (Algebra 1 or equivalent) with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 2 (MMM_2)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school math including Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 1 (MMS_1)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school lab science course with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 2 (MMS_2)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school chemistry with a "C" or better

Past high school and college transcripts are used in making course placement decisions.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Sterile Processing Technician • 5 Total Credits

Term 5 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30534301	Sterile Processing	No	5

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

Sterile Processing

30534301

5 credits

Students are prepared with the knowledge and skills necessary to function as a central service technician. Central service is the hub of all activities involving supplies and equipment for surgery, obstetrics, emergency departments, and other patient care areas. Students learn the principles of standard precautions, asepsis, disinfection, and sterilization procedures. Effective communication is vital within this multi-service area. Central service is located in all health care facilities such as nursing homes, clinics, and hospitals. Patient interaction is minimal within this area of specialty. Online instruction, lab, and clinical experience are part of the curriculum. Upon graduation, students are eligible for certification exams. Students are responsible for transportation to and from classroom, lab, and clinical sites. A minimum of two clinical sites will be utilized in the clinical portion of this class.

Prerequisite: Admission to Sterile Processing Technician program 305342