

Health Sciences Program Admissions Guide

Central Sterile Supply Processing Program

Program: Central Sterile Supply Processing (CSSP)

Credential(s) Awarded: Central Sterile Supply Processing Tech Basic Certificate, Central Sterile Supply Processing Tech Advanced Certificate

Program Webpage: <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/health-sciences/central-sterile-supply-processing.html>

Program Location: North Metro Campus

Admissions Format: Open enrollment, fixed sequence. Courses have limited seats and are filled on a first come, first served basis. The program does not maintain a waiting list.

Requirements for Clinical Education: as part of beginning this program, students must complete all requirements for clinical credentialing by the first day of the semester. This includes immunization requirements, background check, drug screen, and BLS certification. Total estimated cost for these items is \$500 in addition to college registration costs. Instructions are sent via student email after registering for courses.

Course Schedule: Schedule is full-time, including a combination of clinical education and classes. In person class is schedule on Fridays, and Clinical Education is an average of 30 hours/week.

Basic CSSP Certificate: 1 semester, 13 credits

Advanced CSSP Certificate: 1 semester, 9 credits

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Steps to Enroll in the Central Sterile Supply Processing Program

Step 1: Apply to Chattahoochee Tech and be accepted.

Go to the [College Admissions webpage](#) to apply.

Student 900# and email address is required to register for courses.

Step 2: Enroll in the Health Sciences Program courses.

Watch the Required Program Information Video before enrolling in Central Sterile Supply Processing Courses.

No application is required for this program.

Student must be 18 years or older at time of program enrollment.

Follow the [College Academic Calendar](#) for enrollment dates and deadlines.

For assistance, contact the program [Academic Advisor](#) or email

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Central Sterile Supply Processing Course Sequence

Courses have limited seats and are filled on a first come, first served basis. The program does not maintain a waiting list. Students must enroll in all CSSP courses at once for a given term.

Students must complete the Basic CSSP Certificate before enrolling in the Advanced Certificate. Students are not required to continue to the Advanced Certificate, and may choose to do so based on career and employment goals. Graduates may seek employment after completion of only the Basic Certificate, pending completion of eligible certifications (see Program Completion).

Term 1 Fall or Spring – Basic CSSP Certificate	Credits
CSSP 1010 Central Sterile Supply Processing Technician	5
CSSP 1020 Central Sterile Supply Processing Technician Clinical I	4
CSSP 1022 Central Sterile Supply Processing Technician Clinical II	4
Total Credit Hours:	13
Term 2 Summer Only – Advanced CSSP Certificate	Credits
CSSP 2010 Endoscope Reprocessing Fundamentals	4
CSSP 2020 Endoscope Reprocessing Clinical	5
Total Credit Hours:	9

Program Completion

After successful completion of either the Basic or Advanced CSSP Certificate, students will be eligible to take a certification exam to earn credentials. Certification exams are separate from college courses with distinct fees and registration.

Certificate	Eligible Certifications
Basic CSSP Certificate	CRCST – Certified Registered Central Service Technician (HSPA) or CSPDT – Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CBSPD)
Advanced CSSP Certificate	CER – Certified Endoscope Reprocessor (HSPA) or CFER – Certified Flexible Endoscope Reprocessor (CBSPD)

Requirements for Clinical Education

The Central Sterile Processing program includes clinical experiences in courses CSSP 1020, 1020, and 2020. Students must complete all requirements for clinical credentialing by the first day of the semester. This includes immunization requirements, background check, drug screen, and BLS certification. Total estimated cost for these items is \$500 in addition to college registration costs. Instructions are sent via student email after registering for courses.

Students will receive communication from program faculty via their student email soon after registering for any CSSP courses. Students **MUST** respond to faculty communication and complete all credentialing requirements for clinical prior to the deadlines provided. Not completing the credentialing requirements will result in being unable to begin the program of study.

Immunizations

Chattahoochee Technical College does not require vaccinations as criteria for admission and enrollment of students; however, immunizations are required for college health programs by our clinical partners. Students may not complete clinical rotations without meeting clinical site immunization requirements. All required vaccinations must be complete prior to starting clinical practice. Students completing internships or practicums in other majors must adhere to all job site vaccination guidelines. Clinical and job site requirements can and do change without notice or input from the College.

Course Transfer Policy

The program does accept transfer credit for General Core Courses taken at another institution. The program does not accept transfer credit for CSSP Courses taken at another institution.