



ChattahoocheeTech

Central Sterile Supply Processing Technician

OCCUPATIONAL RISKS

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There are many occupational hazards that are inherent to working in the sterile processing department of a healthcare facility. Students may encounter the following occupational risks while working in the school simulation lab setting or during their clinical training at a healthcare facility:

- Exposure to contaminants: blood and bodily fluids, infectious waste, and bloodborne pathogens.
- Exposure to diseases or infections: infectious diseases including, but not limited to HIV, Hepatitis B and C, influenza, MRSA, COVID-19, tuberculosis, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, and varicella.
- Risk of injury from contaminated sharps.
- Risk of injury from electrical shocks, or burns.
- Musculoskeletal injuries from required standing, lifting, and pulling.
- Exposure to hazardous conditions: teratogens including cytotoxic compounds, chemical agents, sterilizing agents, cleaning agents, preserving agents, and fixing agents.