



ChattahoocheeTech

Central Sterile Supply Processing Technician

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I apply to the CSSP Program?

Students must first apply to the college (Chatt Tech) and then enroll in the CSSP courses being offered that semester. The CSSP Program requires 2 semesters. Students may take the 1st semester during Fall or Spring Semesters. The 2nd semester courses are only offered during Summer Semester.

Q: Is it hard to get into the CSSP Program?

The CSSP Program is offered as open enrollment. Each semester, 10 students will be allowed to enroll. No prerequisite courses are required.

Q: Is the CSSP Program offered online?

The CSSP Program is only offered in person on the North Metro Campus.

Q: Is the CSSP Program offered at night or on the weekends?

The CSSP classes and labs are taught on Fridays during regular business hours. The CSSP clinical courses require a specified number of clinical hours to be completed at a local hospital. These hours may be completed any day or hour during the week (except during Friday class hours) per the hospital schedule.

Q: Can I take CSSP classes “part-time,” or take them on my own schedule?

No, the CSSP Program courses must be taken as co-requisite courses.
(CSSP 1010 /1020 /1022)
(CSSP 2010 / 2020)

Q: Is the CSSP Program offered on any other campuses?

The CSSP Program is only available on the North Metro Campus.

Q: How long is the CSSP Program?

The CSSP Program requires 2 semesters. Students may take the 1st semester during Fall or Spring Semesters. The 2nd semester courses are only offered during Summer Semester.

Q: What is the schedule like for a CSSP student?

Students in the CSSP Program should expect to be on-campus on Fridays for class/lab instruction. Clinical courses require the student to complete clinical hours at a local hospital. These hours may be completed any day or hour during the week (except during Friday class hours) per the schedule of each hospital.

Q: Are “Clinicals” part of the program?

Yes, students must complete 3 clinical courses during the program. Clinicals are completed at local hospitals which are contracted with the college. Assignments to the clinical locations are made by program leadership to ensure each student has the best possible experience. Students are not allowed to request a particular clinical assignment.

Q: What are the requirements for “Clinicals”?

Students are required to provide proof of current BLS training which must be valid through program graduation. Students will be required by our clinical affiliates to submit to a background check, drug screen, vaccinations, and other requirements. Requirements for clinicals are reviewed in more detail during the mandatory orientation which is held in August and January.

Q: Are the costs for clinicals included in my tuition?

No, you will need to cover the cost of travel, credentialing, and scrubs.

Q: Can I work while I go through the CSSP program?

It is possible to work part-time while in the program, but full-time work is not feasible due to the number of clinical hours which are required per week. Clinical hours may be as many as 30 hours per week in addition to the class time on Fridays.

Q: Do I need to be certified to work as a CSSP?

Sterile Processing Techs are not required to be certified in the state of Georgia. It is advantageous for the employee to be certified to increase their pay rate and to have nationally recognized certifications which allows them to work anywhere across the U.S.

Q: What is the salary of Sterile Processing Techs?

National and geographical info: [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for Medical Equipment Preparers](#)

Q: How can I find out more information about the CSSP Program?

The CSSP Program website is an excellent source of information. You can also contact the Program Director, Mary Jo Bergman at maryjo.bergman@chattahoocheetech.edu.