

Surgical Technology: Central Service Technician

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The median annual wage for Central Service Technicians (also known as Medical Equipment Preparers) was \$37,060 in May 2017.

JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of Central Service Technicians is projected to have little or no change from 2016 to 2026.

Source: March 2018 Bureau of Labor Statistics U.S. Department of Labor

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The curriculum is designed to enable students to perform a variety of duties, as well as provide technical support to the surgical team in the operating room before, during and after surgery. The Central Service Technician is responsible for the procurement of surgical supplies and equipment. Central Service Technicians provide support to all patient care services in the health care facility. They are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembly, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.



With the ever-expanding technological advancements in medical supplies, instrumentation, medical devices and equipment, highly trained individuals are needed in the field of central service. Central service technicians are trained in principles, methods and control of sterilization processes; and the cleaning, processing, packaging, distributing, storing and inventory control of sterile supply, instruments, trays and equipment.

WHAT DO SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS DO?

Central Service Technicians (also known as Medical Equipment Preparers) prepare, sterilize, install, or clean laboratory or healthcare equipment. Central Service Technicians may also perform routine laboratory tasks and operate or inspect equipment.

WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Central Service Technicians work in general medical and surgical hospitals, dentist offices, outpatient care centers, physician offices, and colleges, universities, and professional schools.

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Recommended Sequence of Courses

Surgical Technology: Central Service Technician Program Short-Term Certificate

CR. No.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
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SEMESTER 1

SUR 100	Orientation to Surgical Technology	3
SUR 101	Central Service Technician	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		6

SEMESTER 2

SUR 102	Central Service Technician Lab and Clinical	4
SEMESTER TOTAL		4

CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN

CERTIFICATE TOTAL10

Note: Certificate total hours may not include prerequisites.



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