

Sterile Processing Technician

<p>Overview</p>	<p>Sterile processing technicians gather, disassemble, clean, disinfect, assemble, package, sterilize, store and distribute surgical instruments, supplies and equipment for re-use in a health care facility.</p> <p>They operate various surgical equipment and machines such as instrument washers, sonic sinks, cart washers and steam autoclaves to clean, reprocess and sterilize supplies for reuse. They collect and sort soiled supplies and instruments from hospital departments, and by deliver sterile supplies to departments as required.</p> <p>Sterile processors inventory, select and replenish supplies to medical and surgical carts on a regular basis, and monitor quota levels and changes in demand levels. They are also responsible for making appropriate substitutions when necessary and report problems regarding availability of instruments and supplies. They also communicate with operating room personnel to provide required instruments and surgical supplies. (Source)</p>								
<p>Alias Names</p>	<p>Sterile processing worker; Sterile supply room attendant; Sterilization processing attendant; Central Supply Aide; Surgical Processor; Medical Device Reprocessing Technician;</p>								
<p>NOC Code</p>	<p>Other assisting occupations in support of health services (3414)</p>								
<p>Qualifications Required</p>	<p>Sterile processing technicians require completion of secondary school and a six- to nine-month sterile processing college program. Certification from IAHCSMM may be an asset.</p>								
<p>Salary Range</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Average hourly</th> <th>Range hourly</th> <th>Average yearly</th> <th>Range yearly</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>\$21.68</td> <td>\$11.19 - \$29.71</td> <td>\$42269</td> <td>\$21,814 - \$57,925</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Average hourly	Range hourly	Average yearly	Range yearly	\$21.68	\$11.19 - \$29.71	\$42269	\$21,814 - \$57,925
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<p>Job Demand</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Employment outlook is mostly good across provinces. More information is available here.</p>								

Growth Opportunity	Without further education, advancement opportunities are limited.
Years' Experience Required	0-1 year
Training Options (if available)	Programs for Sterile processing technicians, SAIT , Alberta Business and Educational Services (ABES) , Vancouver Community College etc.
Personal Qualities	Diligence, Extremely cautious, Comfortable in loud, noisy and stressful environment, Communication skills; ability to work independently; flexibility; interpersonal skills
Notes/Other Information	<p>Work environment may be noisy, busy and stressful. There are risks of exposure to corrosive chemicals, injury from sharp instruments, and infectious body contents/instruments. So they must observe safety precautions.</p> <p>Technicians are on their feet most of their shift. May need to work nights, weekends and holiday shifts.</p> <p>Sterile processors find employment in hospitals, community, medical clinics, doctor's offices, surgical centers, dental offices. Both part-time and full-time positions are available.</p>
Steps towards capacity building to become competitive for this job	To become competent for getting a job as a sterile processing technician one need to complete a certificate course from a college preferably that offers practicum.
References and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. Alberta Learning Information Service vii. Job Bank Canada viii. National Occupation Classification ESDC ix. Neuvoo x. Indeed