

Central Sterile Processing Technologist Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ☒ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ☒ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ☒ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ☒ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Credit Hours: 30 total credit hours (including prerequisite coursework). Total hours may vary based on individual academic plan. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Applicants who **complete all requirements by the published review deadline** will be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements makes you eligible for consideration but **does not guarantee admission** to the program.

Admission to this technical certificate is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria. See the program webpage for [additional admissions information](#).

Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next.

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration and acceptance to the Surgical Services program, students must

- ☐ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ☐ Complete a Florida State College at Jacksonville application.
- ☐ Complete a Central Sterile Processing Technologist technical certificate application and submit to the Health Career Advising by the published deadline.
- ☐ Complete the required prerequisite coursework (4 credits) with a grade of C or higher
- ☐ Provide evidence of current CPR certification (adult, child and infant) achieved through an American Heart Association approved Basic Life Support (BLS) course for Healthcare Providers that includes hands-on simulated experiences.

Upon acceptance to the program, students must

- ☐ Submit to a criminal background check.
- ☐ Submit to a drug screening.
- ☐ Submit a physical examination.

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next, followed by those with the highest number of completed prerequisite courses. Qualified applicants with pending prerequisite course requirements will receive a conditional acceptance letter outlining the remaining criteria for full program admission.

Application Deadline(s)

- Fall term deadline: May 15 of each year.
- Spring term deadline: September 15 of each year.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

A minimum grade of C or higher is required in:

- ☐ All Prerequisite coursework
- ☐ All Professional coursework

Stay on Track

Meet the technical certificate graduation requirements:

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn minimum prescribed semester hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=6367

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/6367

Prerequisite Coursework

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
BSC 2085C – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer

Sample Roadmap for Admitted Students

Term 1: Fall or Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
STS 1538 – Medical Terminology for Surgical Technology	2	Professional	Fall, Spring
STS 1307C – Surgical Sciences and Instrumentation	4	Professional	Fall, Spring

Term 2: Spring or Summer

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
STS 1302 – Introduction to Surgical Technology	4	Professional	Spring, Summer
STS 1302L – Introduction to Surgical Technology Lab	2	Professional	Spring, Summer
STS 1310 – Surgical Principles and Techniques	4	Professional	Spring, Summer
STS 1310L – Surgical Principles and Techniques Lab	2	Professional	Spring, Summer
STS 1340 – Pharmacology and Anesthesia	2	Professional	Spring, Summer

Term 3: Summer or Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
STS 2323 – Surgical Procedures I	4	Professional	Fall, Summer
STS 2323L – Surgical Procedures I Lab	2	Professional	Fall, Summer