

Sterile Processing/Instrument Tech

Occupational Outlook

What is an Instrument Technician?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Sterile Processing Technicians clean and disinfect surgical instruments, equipment and supplies used in hospitals and medical facilities. They also maintain sterilization machines and order supplies. Sterile Processing Technicians mainly work in the central service units of hospitals but may work in other medical settings as well.

Where do Instrument Technicians work?

- Hospitals
- Surgical offices

How much does an Instrument Technician make?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Instrument Technicians make between \$9.64 and \$19.28 an hour. The annual salary is between \$18,500 and \$37,000.

What course can I take next?

After becoming an Instrument Technician, you will be better prepared to apply for the surgical tech program.

I _____ have read the occupational outlook and understand that this is the career path I want to pursue. I am required to do an assessment with an advisor, pass a criminal background check, and have a GED or high school diploma.

Sign: _____ Date: _____



What are my chances of getting a job as an Instrument Technician?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of Sterile Processing Technicians is expected to grow faster than average through the year 2010 as the volume of surgery increases.

What will I learn in this course?

Sterile processing plays a crucial role in the healthcare facility by maintaining controls and procedures for a sterile environment. This course will include classroom lecture and lab time followed by clinical experience. Textbook and state testing included in the course fee. This course is 140 hours total.

