

# STERILE PROCESSING (STER)

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## **STER-103 Foundations of Sterile Processing**

### **5 Credits**

**Lecture:** 4 hours per week, **Lab:** 3 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, Even Years

This course will highlight the roles and responsibilities of the sterile processing technician in the workplace. Coursework will consist of the detailed processes for sterilization of instruments and supplies within a healthcare setting and microbiology, anatomy, and medical terminology directly relating to the profession. Students will complete all paperwork and education necessary for each hospital clinical site, including mandatory education on blood-borne pathogens and HIPAA. Students will also have some hands-on experience as a sterile processing technician in the laboratory environment.

**Corequisites:** STER-104

## **STER-104 Sterile Processing Clinical Experience**

### **9 Credits**

**Internship:** 27 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, Even Years

This course provides supervised experience in sterile processing techniques in a clinical facility. Students experience first-hand the various operations in a sterile processing department, such as quality assurance, inventory management, and preparing, storing, and distributing instruments, supplies, and equipment. Upon completion, students will demonstrate competence in sterile processing techniques. Completion of 400 hours of clinical experience and successful completion of the certification exam is required to work in the field.

**Corequisites:** STER-103