



Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)

Certification website: [Homepage - Healthcare Sterile Processing Association \(myhspa.org\)](https://myhspa.org)

Credential Summary

The CRCST certification program is designed to recognize entry-level and existing technicians who have demonstrated the experience, knowledge, and skills necessary to provide competent services as a Sterile Processing technician. CRCSTs are integral members of the healthcare team who are responsible for decontaminating, inspecting, assembling, disassembling, packaging, and sterilizing reusable surgical instruments or devices in a healthcare facility.

Overview

- **Related Instructional Hours:** 400
- **Exam details:** CRCST exam
 - Passing score = 70%
- **Third party testing provider:** Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA)
- **Exam cost:** \$140
- **Renewal details:** Certification is required annually
 - Requires 12 Continuing Education credits
 - Payment of \$50 for recertification

Job Opportunities

- **Relevant SOC codes**
 - Surgical Technologist 29-2055
 - Medical Equipment Preparers 31-9093
- **Demand information**
 - Average flame ranking = 3.34/5
- **Average Wages**
 - Ranges from \$41,920 (20.15 per hour) to \$54,980 (26.43 per hour)
(Average wages pulled as of October 2023)

Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies

- Cleaning, Decontamination & Disinfection
- Preparation & Packaging
- Sterilization Process
- Patient Care Equipment
- Sterile Storage & Inventory Management
- Documentation & Record Maintenance
- Customer Relations



Post Secondary Relevance

- **Next level programs of study**
 - Principles of Healthcare
 - Medical Terminology
 - Central Service Technician
- Central Service Technician Fundamentals

Industry Support

- PMC Regional Hospital
- Norton Healthcare