

About the Program

The Technical Certificate (T.C.) in Central Sterile Processing Technologist prepares students for a career as an entry-level Central Sterile Processing Technologist.

The program curriculum includes a combination of classroom studies, classroom lab practice, and clinical experience in the Sterile Processing Departments which prepares students to assist members of the surgical team. Students will also learn about anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, microbiology, pharmacology and anesthesia.

This program requires a **minimum of 30 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic degree plan. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Program Requirements

This is a Limited Access program.

Students must follow the program application procedure and fulfill all requirements outlined in the college catalog. **Prerequisite courses** include:

- BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I

The **application deadlines** are May 15 each year with classes starting in the fall term and September 15 each year with classes starting in the summer term.

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics or other prerequisite courses that you may be required to take. In addition, it does not include technical certificate graduation requirements.

Students in this certificate program **are not required** to complete math courses unless they are listed as part of the certificate program. This certificate articulates directly into the Surgical Services (2167) (A.S.) degree, which includes an **Algebra Through Calculus math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students whose academic program requires a foundation of algebra, followed by a sequence of courses that may lead to calculus.

Additional Information

- ⇒ **Program Information**, including advisor contact details: <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/programs/certs/6367>.
- ⇒ **Technical Certificate Information**, including graduation requirements: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/degree-certificate-programs/technical-certificates>.
- ⇒ **Program Requirements:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/programs/6367>.
- ⇒ **Math Pathways Information:** <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/math-pathways>.

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Prior to enrolling in classes, please **meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your individual academic plan. Some courses are offered only once per year; advising is critical for course progression.

Term 1

Course	Credits
STS 1538 - Medical Terminology for Surgical Technology	2
STS 1307C - Surgical Sciences and Instrumentation	4

Term 2

Course	Credits
STS 1302 - Introduction to Surgical Technology	4
STS 1302L - Introduction to Surgical Technology Lab	2
STS 1310 - Surgical Principles and Techniques	4
STS 1310L - Surgical Principles and Techniques Lab	2
STS 1340 - Pharmacology and Anesthesia	2

Term 3

Course	Credits
STS 2323 - Surgical Procedures I	4
STS 2323L - Surgical Procedures I Lab	2