

AORN Foundations of Sterile Processing™

LEARNING PLAN

This course is designed to help educate those new to the sterile processing setting in several important related concepts. Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to serve as sterile processing technicians. The role of the sterile processing technician is pivotal to the safety of the surgical patient. Implementing an evidence-based, standardized process for the pre-cleaning, cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization of instruments, instrument trays, and powered surgical instruments is critical to provide the surgical patient with the highest standard of care. Sterile processing technicians will learn safety standards, the elements of a culture of safety, and the impact of human factors on the culture of safety. They will also learn methods, how, and when to use disinfectants, as well as how to select the appropriate monitoring and sterilization methods for the four classes of instruments. Sterile processing technicians will learn the elements required for an infection to occur and practices to prevent infection.

No.	Module Name	C.H.
1	Environmental Cleaning	1
2	Sterilization Process	2.5
3	Surgical Environment & Safety	1.5
4	Surgical Instruments	1.7
5	Transmissible Infection Prevention	2.0
	Total Contact Hours	8.7