



Central Service Technology Program

APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM

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The Central Service Technician

What We Do

We prepare surgical instruments and devices. That means we clean, inspect, test, sterilize, and store and deliver devices needed for surgery in a healthcare facility. Because of the work we do, surgeons can operate safely on patients in our communities.

We anticipate the needs of our customers. Departments throughout the healthcare facility from the operating room to the clinics rely on the surgical instruments and devices we prepare. These departments rely on our precision, our attention to detail and our layered skills and knowledge related to surgical instrumentation.

How We Partner & Learn

We collaborate with our vendor partners and the medical teams throughout our facilities to ensure instruments are available when they are needed. The patients' needs always come first and they deserve the care and attention we give to the safety of the instruments used on them.

We lead by example and believe that the process of learning to be a sterile processing tech will never be something that we can simply check off our list. The rules change, best practices change, technology changes...Continuing education is an essential part of our professional development because it promotes and encourages things like quality and safety in the face of the

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The following items are found in the *Health Science Division Student Handbook*.

(This list has been updated as of 3/2023.)

1. Health Science Division Purpose Statement
2. Health Science Statement of Ethics
3. Health Science Plagiarism Regulation
4. Email/Contact Information
5. Health Science Use of Electronic Regulation
6. Health Science Confidentiality Statement
7. Health Science Grading
8. Health Science Retention Regulation
9. Health Science Probation Regulation
10. Health Science Readmission D(e)2 (R)4 (i)-1 (e)1 (n)2 (c)-4 (e)1 (G)-3 (ra) (e)2 (la)-1 s(c)6s

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Completion of the items on this checklist alone does not guarantee acceptance into the Central Service Technology program. Completion of the items on the checklist is the applicant's responsibility. All items must be completed by the application deadline to be qualified for this program.

1. Complete the online Indian River State College application at www.irsc.edu and pay the \$30 application fee. Fees are non-refundable.

Do not proceed with drug/background screening or physical until notified.

- I. Mandatory drug screening and a national criminal background check (fingerprinting).
- II. Submit Physical Exam Form complete with immunizations

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Students interested in applying to any health science program must attend the appropriate, regularly scheduled, program information session. The information session addresses any questions or concerns prospective applicants may have. The sessions also assist students in understanding how to achieve a “**qualified**” status. Students must attend an information session prior to the application deadline date. No reservations or fees are required to attend.

**Central Service Technology Information Sessions are virtual.
Visit the Central Service Technology website
for dates and registration.
4:00 p.m.**

PRE-ADMISSION ADVISEMENT

Pre-advisement with an advisor is required for admission to the Central Service Technology program. Pre-advisement includes information on the application process, admissions requirements, program guidance and counseling, financial aid and time management.

It is strongly advised that students requiring the TABE test begin this process during the application period and continue until a 576+ in reading, 596+ math, and 584+ language is achieved. TABE requirements must be met for program completion.

Exceptions and Exemptions from the Basic Skills Examination

Students who are exempt from basic skills exit requirements include those who:

Possess a college degree at the associate in applied science (AAS) level or higher;

Demonstrate readiness for public postsecondary education pursuant to 1008.30, F.S. and applicable rules adopted by the State Board of Education. **A student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma or a student who is serving as an active-duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Services shall not be required to take the common placement test and shall not be required to enroll in developmental education instruction in a Florida College System institution.** However, a student who is not required to take the common placement test and is not required to enroll in developmental education under this paragraph may opt to be assessed and to enroll in developmental education instruction, and the college shall provide such assessment and instruction upon the student's request.

APPLICANT REVIEW

Consideration for admission into the Central Service Technology program will be based upon completion of the following criteria upon submission of application:

1. 18 years of age or over (Must be 18 years old by August 1st)
2. IRSC Admission Status must be complete (receipt and evaluation of all transcripts).
3. Attend an Information Session and submit verification form.
4. Submit copy of American Heart Association CPR BLS card.

Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Students are selected on a competitive basis.

ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Those provisionally accepted into the Central Service Technology program will be notified by the Health Science Division of their **provisional** acceptance. Final acceptance into the program is contingent upon satisfactory results from a physical examination, drug screen and a National Criminal background check via fingerprint process. **Information on obtaining these tests/reports will be provided in the provisional acceptance notification package. These reports should not be submitted with initial application materials.**

DRUG SCREENING

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Programs, Meta Major** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Central Service Technology** and select **Background Check and Drug Screening Requirements**.

NON-ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Applicants who do not qualify for the program will be notified and may call the Health Science Office at 772-462-7550.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

A list of approximate costs is located on the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Programs, Meta Major** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Central Service Technology** and select **Expenses**. In addition to these costs, the

CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CURRICULUM (650 Clock Hours)

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Quick Links** and select **Course Catalog**. Choose **Career and Technical Education Programs** and select **Central Services Technology**.

All core curriculum require a grade of "C" or higher.

Curriculum Notes

This 6-month program provides the student with the technical ability, knowledge, and skills required for entry-level employment as a member of the health care team in a hospital central sterile processing or material management department. The Central Service Technology program provides the student with a strong foundation in the essentials of health care, anatomy, physiology, medical language, and microbiology. Specialty didactic, laboratory, and clinical courses in central service technology prepare the student to become an entry-level central

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION *
IRSC CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

Central Service Technology involves the provision of direct care for individuals and is characterized by the application of knowledge in the skillful performance of these functions. Therefore, in order to be considered for admissions or be retained in the program after admission, all students m