

**Herzing University**  
**May 2021 Undergraduate Catalog**  
**Addenda**

- **ADDENDUM, effective June 8, 2021. Herzing University - Madison Online Division is now enrolling in the Diploma in Sterile Processing program for the September 8, 2021 start.**

## **DIPLOMA IN STERILE PROCESSING**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Sterile Processing diploma program prepares graduates to work in medical facilities that prepare surgical instruments, supplies and equipment necessary for healthcare. This program includes a broad introduction to health sciences, as well as medical terminology, communication, and computers. The program curriculum includes instruction in decontamination processes, preparation, packaging, sterilization and sterile storage of surgical instrumentation and supplies. Students who successfully complete the diploma program are prepared for entry-level employment in a sterile processing position.

Graduates are eligible to take the certification examination following 400 hours of professional employment.

### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Communicate effectively and professionally with all members of a diverse sterile processing and surgical team.
2. Apply logical and critical thinking skills as it relates to sterile processing job duties.
3. Demonstrate safe handling of surgical instrumentation, equipment and supplies used in surgical patient care.
4. Identify surgical instrumentation, supplies, and equipment used in surgical patient care.
5. Use appropriate medical terminology related to the role of sterile processor.
6. Apply computer skills required in sterile processing.
7. Describe the cycle of sterilization as it relates to sterile processing.
8. Demonstrate proficiency with aseptic technique as it relates to sterile processing.

### **POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES**

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, Central Processing Technician (CPT), Central Service Technician (CST), Central Sterile Supply Technician (CSS Technician), Instrument Technician, Sterile Preparation Technician, Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (SPD Tech), Sterile Processing Technician (Sterile Processing Tech), Sterile Technician, Sterilization Technician.

### **PROGRAM CONTENT**

A minimum of 24.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

All Courses, 22.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
HC 101	Medical Terminology	None	1.00
PS 101	Psychology	None	3.00
SC 146	Anatomy and Physiology I	None	4.00
SC 166	Microbiology	None	3.00
SC 246	Anatomy and Physiology II	SC 146	4.00
ST 115	Introduction to Surgical Services	HC 101, SC 166, SC 246	2.00
ST 120	Sterile Processing	ST 115	3.00

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ST 125                      Surgical Instrumentation                      ST 115                      2.00

**PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

2.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Semester Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

- **ADDENDUM, effective April 29, 2021. Herzing University - Madison Online Division is now enrolling in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program the May 10, 2021 start. Please click [here](#) for the program outline.**

***Herzing University is approved to offer programs in an online learning modality through association with the main campus in Madison, Wisconsin.***

**Special Admissions Requirements – Online BSN**

Acceptance into the Bachelor of Science in program is on a selective basis. Students who meet the minimum criteria for admission to the University will be further evaluated on a competitive basis through entrance test scores and prior academic performance as well as other criteria determined by the University. In addition, all students must pass a background check, provide fingerprints, pass a drug screening, and provide evidence of health screening including required vaccines.