



Job Situation

Health care environments that are noisy, busy, stressful using chemicals. Load, operate and maintain cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing equipment

Weekly Hours of Work

37.5

Overtime

0

Monthly Salary

\$2,800

Student Loan – Owing

\$12,000

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

250

Duties

Store and rotate sterilized items. Provide instrument sets for surgery. Use computers to order supplies. Work with operating room personnel.

Prospects

Hospital central processing facilities. Surgical centre. Dentists office. Plastic surgery office.

Job Title

Sterile Processing Technician

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

3414

Job Description

Hopefully you have a comfy pair of shoes. Your job requires you to be on your feet through most of the day. Your day starts with a quick change into your scrubs and slapping on the rubber gloves. Cleanliness is extremely important, in fact it's your job. You are responsible along with your coworker to sterilize all equipment used by the doctors and nurses at the clinic. This is where your knack for details comes into play; the job has to be done right or it could be fatal.

Your main focus is on infection control. Any germs left on the instruments used could lead to an infection and serious consequence. Making sure every procedure is done correctly is your biggest concern. You sort through all the instruments used and clean them thoroughly before putting them in their proper place. It is also your job to make sure the equipment you use to sterilize is working right and that the machine remains clean as well.

Safety is another main concern. Although your job is to protect the patients of the clinic you must also be wary that infection can pass to you while handling contaminated equipment. Wearing the proper safety gear is important; gloves and a mask are required. You deal with several different cleaning agents and hot surfaces so following safety procedures is a must.

The doctors at the clinic have enough to worry about without being concerned if they will have the proper equipment ready when needed. You receive a lot of compliments on your organization and preparedness from the doctors. They can always rely on you to have everything ready to go when it is needed.