



Health Career Directory

Medical Device Processing Technician

Overview

Medical Device Processing Technicians perform duties related to the decontaminating, inspecting, testing, assembling, packaging, wrapping, sterilizing, and distributing hospital products. These products (including simple and complex instruments, linen, and equipment) are then to be re-processed and utilized for patient care in the operating rooms, and other areas of the hospital. They perform cleaning duties, and restock operating and labour delivery room shelves, cupboards, and carts. This is according to established written procedures.

Who is suited to become a medical device processing technician?

Medical Device Processing Technicians are most effective when they have the following skills and characteristics:

- knowledge of surgical and medical terminology
- good mathematical ability
- ability to communicate well with others
- ability to organize their work
- ability to operate related equipment
- physically fit
- ability to lift up to 20 kilograms is required in some clinical settings
- a clean record, no prior criminal background.

Who employs Medical Device Processing Technician?

Medical Device Processing Technicians mostly work in hospital settings, and in areas designated for re-processing of instruments, equipment, and linens.

Their hours of work are rotating shift hours. This includes weekend, evenings, and night shift work.

They may be exposed to diseases and must wear protective clothing, such as rubber gloves and masks, in some work environments.

Salary

Salary per hour is \$21.22

Required education and training to become a Medical Device Processing Technician:

- Completion of Grade 12
- Successful completion of a recognized Medical Device Reprocessing course
- A programs in British Columbia for Home Support Worker and for Mental Health Workers

Resources

Education Programs

Okanagan College

<http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/>

Vancouver Island University

<http://www.viu.ca/ce/certificates/mdrt.asp>

Vancouver Community College

http://www.vcc.ca/programs-courses/details.cfm?area=CS_HEALTH&prog=STERSUPPLY

Financial assistance and bursaries

For information about Canada student loans and grants, please visit:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/learning/canada_student_loan/index.shtml