Central Service Technician
MHCC/PCC Career Pathways Training—Starts January 9, 2006

Professional/Technical Training
This is a one-term intensive training. The curriculum includes skills, knowledge, and abilities that have been identified as critical for career entry-level positions working as a central service technician. Average entry-level wage is $10.00 - $14.00/hour. Students receive 12 credits upon completion of the training.

Central Service Technician Overview
This training provides instruction for students who want to obtain employment in entry-level positions in Central Service/Sterile Processing departments of hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Central Service Technicians process, store, and distribute medical and surgical instruments, supplies, and equipment for operating rooms and other areas of a hospital or healthcare facility. They understand and apply principles and methods of sterilization and infection control.

This training prepares students for the National Certification Examination for Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician. Also incorporated into the training is a study of medical vocabulary, including words, roots, prefixes, suffixes, and abbreviations. Students learn the importance of and practice such skills as interpersonal dynamics, problem solving, critical thinking, and self-management. Students complete an on-site observation. An optional internship is available for students wishing to have a supervised work experience in their second term.

Features
• Students participate in job search training.
• A cohort learning community is developed and supports students as they pursue employment in this field.
• This program is offered in partnership with the Allied Health Division and the Economic and Workforce Development Division of Mt. Hood Community College.

Prerequisites
• High School Diploma or GED
• College Placement Test (503-491-7678)
• MMR Immunization
• Able to stand for prolonged periods
• Able to lift heavy equipment trays
• Good verbal communication skills

Training Format
Training is held on the Gresham campus of Mt. Hood Community College. Training is a full-time schedule with some days starting as early as 8:00 a.m. and classes continuing as late as 8:00 p.m., plus labs on Saturdays.

Courses
Term One
AHX20  Central Service Technician   6 credits
AH12   Medical Vocabulary      2 credits
MO10  Work Behavior/Health Services 3 credits
HD100  College Success          1 credit   12 credits

Optional Second Term
WE280  Cooperative Education Internship 2 credits

Costs
Estimated cost for this training:
Tuition (12 credits) $756.00
Fees $54.00
Books $430.00
Total $1240.00

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