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Technical Standards for the Central Sterile Processing Technician Program

General Job Description: Clean and sterilize surgical instruments and medical equipment. Set up equipment and deliver to surgical areas, hospital rooms, clinics and patient’s homes. Assemble, adjust and check non-sterile equipment, and sterile supplies needed for surgery or other medical procedures. Manage inventory, order supplies, inspect, maintain, deliver and retrieve equipment and instruments for surgery, emergency room and other patient care units.

PHYSICAL STANDARDS		Expected Level of Performance
		Freq*
LIFT:	Equipment, objects - up to 50 lbs.	F
CARRY:	Equipment, objects - up to 25 lbs.	F
KNEEL/CROUCH:	To place on or retrieve items from a storage cabinet or shelf, dry surgical case carts	F
STOOP/BEND/TWIST:	to retrieve sterile instrumentation from shelves ,adjust and plug in electrical equipment, stock shelves	F
BALANCE:	Safely maintain while moving and carrying equipment	C
REACH:	To adjust equipment; to reach supplies from overhead cabinets	C
MANUAL DEXTERITY:	Take apart and reassemble technical equipment; manipulate and fine-tune knobs, dials, tools, equipment, instruments; prepare and use equipment while maintaining sterile technique	C
PUSH/PULL:	Move equipment; operate power washer; place and remove trays in and out of sterilization equipment	F
WALK/STAND:	For extended periods of at least 8 hours	C
WEAR:	Surgical scrub suits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and gloves for extended periods of time	C
TACTILE STANDARDS		
DIFFERENTIATE:	Able to recognize and take precautions when cleaning sharp objects and instruments, differentiate hot from cool/cold	
VISUAL STANDARDS		
READ:	Accurately; numbers, letters, cursive writing in fine and other print in varying light levels in English; dials, gauges and other measurement devices	C
DETECT:	Color change on tags after sterilization process	C

OBSERVE:		
COMMUNICATION STANDARDS		Expected Level of Performance Freq*
SPEAK:	in English language in clear, concise manner, to communicate with patients, families, health care providers, community	C
RESPOND:	to directions via telephone	F
COMPREHEND:	oral and written language, including health care terminology in order to communicate with staff and supervisors	C
WRITE:	in English, clearly, legibly, for record keeping	C
AUDITORY STANDARDS		
HEAR:	Activation warning/warning signals, machine timer bells and alarms; Verbal directions from supervisor from a distance of 20 feet; verbal requests from supervisors; directions via telephone	C
MENTAL/COGNITIVE STANDARDS		
Function safely, effectively, and calmly under stressful situations		F
Remain alert to surroundings		F
Integrate information, and make decisions based on pertinent data, in a collaborative manner		C
Interact effectively and appropriately with supervisors and co-workers of the same or different cultures with respect, politeness, tact, collaboration, teamwork, discretion.		C
Communicates an understanding of basic principles of supervision, ethics, and confidentiality.		C
Displays basic interpersonal skills necessary to interact in situations requiring close, personal contact.		C
Display attitudes/actions consistent with the ethical standards of the profession.		C
Maintain composure while managing/prioritizing multiple tasks simultaneously.		C
Possess short- and long-term memory sufficient to perform tasks such as, but not limited to, mentally tracking surgical supplies		C

* O = OCCASIONALLY; F= FREQUENTLY; C = CONSTANTLY

I certify that I am able to perform the above Technical Standards and that the above information is true and correct. If, at any time, during my enrollment in the program, I am unable to meet the above performance requirements, I will immediately contact the Program Director of my status change:

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT _____ Date _____
Please print name