

SPRINGFIELD

STCC to again offer Sterile Processing Technician course

Springfield Technical Community College this spring will bring back a course that puts students on the path to a career as a sterile processing technician.

The course, which begins Jan. 22 and runs through May 9, will be taught Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Sterile Processing Technician course teaches students vital infection control techniques to keep hospitals and other medical facilities, as well as surgical instruments, safe and free from the spread of diseases, said Christopher Scott, dean of the School of Health and Patient Simulation. It's been many years since STCC has offered the course.

Subjects covered will include the latest advancements in sterilization processes and anatomy, physiology, microbiology, instrumentation, decontamination and infection control.

Instructors will demonstrate different forms of sterilization. In addition, the training will include a clinical practicum to help students get actual experience in the field.

The six-credit course will prepare students to sit for the SPD Technician Certification Exam and can assist students in getting qualifications to work in a hospital, clinic or other type of medical center.

For more information about the course and how to get started, email the School of Health & Patient Simulation at SHPS@stcc.edu or call 413-755-7477.