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Working in the healthcare field is a rewarding experience. I take my job very seriously and take pride in ensuring all medical equipment is contamination-free before being used for surgery or general patient care. The sterilization process requires a true keen eye for detail, high precision, and knowing and following all safety regulations. I am aware that every instrument I touch can help save a life.

Occupation:

Sterile Preparation
Technician

Salary:

\$39,108

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Medical Equipment Preparers prepare, sterilize, install, or clean laboratory or healthcare equipment. May perform routine laboratory tasks and operate or inspect equipment.*



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Job Description:

SOC Code: 31-9093

Top Job Skills:

- Sterilizing instruments and equipment
- Customer service
- Sterilization of surgical instruments
- Biological testing
- Inventory control

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Attend educational events to update medical knowledge
- Interacting With Others
 - Inventory medical supplies or equipment
- Information Input
 - Monitor medical equipment to ensure proper functioning
- Work Output
 - Clean medical equipment
 - Operate medical equipment
 - Maintain medical equipment or instruments
 - Prepare medical instruments or equipment for use
 - Record vital statistics or other health information
 - Stock medical or patient care supplies

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$35,220 - \$46,800



Projected Growth

116/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

1,320



Required Education

High School Diploma or Equivalent



Work Experience

Typically Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Moderate-Term On-the-job Training

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Trident
- Greenville
- Midlands
- Worklink
- Upstate
- Upper Savannah

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- Bon Secours Health System, Inc.
- Lexington Medical Center
- AnMed
- HCA Healthcare, Inc.
- Prisma Health

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Endoscopy Technicians
- Surgical Technologists
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians
- Phlebotomists
- Surgical Assistants

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.