Certified Registered Central Service Technician
Associated Industries: Architecture and Construction | Health Science

Description and Labor Market Information
Certified Registered Central Service Technicians (CRCST) are integral members of the healthcare team who are responsible for decontaminating, inspecting, assembling, disassembling, packaging and sterilizing reusable surgical instruments or devices in a healthcare facility that are essential for patient safety.

This credential was associated with 3 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 2,381 positions with 275 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of $21.90.

Sample Occupations

Medical Equipment Preparers
Median Hourly Earnings: $20.10
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
Total Positions: 290
Annual Job Openings: 36

Surgical Technologists
Median Hourly Earnings: $23.45
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
Total Positions: 402
Annual Job Openings: 39

First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers
Median Hourly Earnings: $22.16
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
Total Positions: 1,689
Annual Job Openings: 200

Certifying Entity Information
ANSI & NCCA
Website: www.iahcsmm.org
Phone: (312) 440-0078
Local Availability: Prometric Testing Center

Exam Details
Age Requirement: N/A
Coursework/Hours to Complete: 400 hours in a Central Service Department
Length of Certification Validity: 1 year
Exam Cost: $125
Exam Time: 3 hours
Number of Questions: 150
Pass Rate: N/A
This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawai‘i can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawai‘i. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawai‘i students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawai‘i, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawai‘i businesses, this project has identified 137 Promising Credentials that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying 274 Promising Occupations that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawai‘i employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at www.HawaiiCareerPathways.org.