How To Apply

- Complete the Vancouver Island University Application For Admission Form and include:
  - Original transcripts.
  - An application fee is required for first time applicants to Vancouver Island University.
- Accepted students will receive a letter from Admissions outlining fee payment procedures.

Fees

See Information Sheet for up to date information.

If you have applied for funding, it needs to be in place when you submit your application so the deposit and final payment can be made on the dates required. If payments are not received by the deadline date, you will lose your place in the program. Full fees may be paid on the deposit date.

Note: Fees are subject to change.

Financial Assistance

This program is eligible for Students Loans. To apply for student loans online, please see: http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/

Student loan applications must be received by the Student Services Branch at the Ministry of Advanced Education at least three weeks prior to the start date of the program to allow time for processing.

About Vancouver Island University

Vancouver Island University is a comprehensive post-secondary institution located on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Our main campus is located in Nanaimo and we have regional campuses in Duncan and Powell River, and a campus centre in Parksville. More than 14,000 full-time and part-time students are enrolled in academic, applied, career/technical, vocational, trades and developmental programs leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees.

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Program Overview
In response to the need for trained medical device reprocessing technicians on Vancouver Island, this program provides knowledge and training appropriate for work in the medical device reprocessing field. Students gain theory and application of principles related to decontamination, sterilization, storage and distribution of equipment in a medical device reprocessing area. The program is intended for those who desire to play a critical role in health care and work as a member of a team in a fast-paced environment. The program will also provide a professional development opportunity for those currently working in medical device reprocessing departments who wish to update their skills and knowledge. This program is offered in collaboration with Vancouver Community College.

Career Opportunities
Medical device reprocessing departments provide a vital role in the medical environment, and there is a growing demand for people trained in medical device reprocessing. Graduates of this program will be prepared to work as medical device reprocessing technicians in a variety of settings from acute care hospitals to veterinary clinics.

Program Goals
This program prepares individuals to work as beginning level technicians in a medical device reprocessing department or operating room of a health care facility. More specifically, students who successfully complete the program will be able to:

- Understand and apply theory and principles related to decontamination, assembly, sterilization, and storage and distribution in a medical device reprocessing (or similar) area;
- Demonstrate required skills related to medical device reprocessing, communications, and professional deportment;
- Examine own practice and behaviours, identify areas of strengths and weaknesses, and seek opportunities for learning and growth;
- Work effectively as a team member in an organized, safe, and ethical manner to meet the needs of the facility;
- Communicate effectively in writing and speaking;
- Work in a cost-effective, ethical and legal manner;
- Communicate effectively with co-workers.

Recommended Personal Characteristics
- Good command of spoken and written English;
- Ability to attend to detail, to work accurately and neatly, and to manage time effectively;
- Ability to work under close direction as well as ability to act with initiative as a member of a health care team;
- Ability to work in a busy atmosphere and to respond quickly to requests;
- Ability to adjust to work in a hospital setting (previous hospital experience may be an advantage);
- Ability and willingness to adjust to shift work, including nights and weekends;
- Reliable and dependable with good work habits.

Program Format
The program is offered on a full-time basis over 12 weeks. The program consists of 420 hours spread out over two courses. The program typically runs during weekdays. The frequency of program delivery will be based on employer demand for trained graduates.

Program Content
Medical Device Reprocessing Technician: Theory (105 hours) - HSST 001
An introduction to the knowledge required by medical device reprocessing technicians. Topics include: medical device reprocessing; microorganisms; transmission of infection; standard precautions and reprocessing guidelines; decontamination; machines used for decontamination; assembly procedures; sterilization; storage and distribution; reprocessing power equipment and endoscopes.

Medical Device Reprocessing Technician: Clinical Instruction (315 hours) - HSST 002
An introduction to clinical skills required by medical device reprocessing technicians, and an opportunity to apply theory and principles learned each day.

Graduation Requirements
To be eligible for the Certificate of Program Completion, the student must successfully complete both courses (theory and practicum). Each course may be retaken only once. If a student fails a course twice, the student will not be eligible to re-enter the program. A minimum of 70% is required to pass an exam. Students who fail an exam will be permitted one re-write.

Attendance
Students are required to attend all scheduled classes. Students not meeting the attendance requirements will not qualify to receive the program certificate.

Admission Requirements
The following admission requirements must be met for entry to the program:

- Grade 12 graduation (or acceptable equivalent);
- Completion of Grade 12 English with a grade of “C” or better. (Students who do not meet this requirement may write the Language Proficiency Index (LPI). Program admission requires Level IV or better on the essay component, plus a minimum average of 50% on the three additional sections of the LPI. See www.lpitest.ca for more information.)
- Successful completion of Medical Terminology & Anatomy And Physiology (OSME 002) or equivalent course;
- Successful completion of Interpersonal Skills for Health Care Workers (HHIP 001) or equivalent course.

Notes On Admission:
Students are advised of the following additional requirements:

- Absence of health problems that may affect ability to lift, stand for long periods, or perform repetitive movements;
- Absence of allergies to substances on the skin;
- Required prior to the first day of class:
  - Completed immunization form. Details regarding immunization requirements are available on request.
  - Recent TB skin test report (within 3 months of entering the program). (Note: If the TB skin test is positive, a negative chest x-ray is required.)