

Sterilization and Reprocessing Courses

- Sterilization and reprocessing staff are required to have a certificate from a recognized course. This could include a College program or another organization with an approved curriculum.
- All sterilization and reprocessing staff, regardless of the certificate they have, is required to maintain their knowledge by possessing a current certificate within 5 years. (Source: [PHO Best Practices for Cleaning Disinfection and Sterilization in All Health Care Settings, May 2013](#))
- For sterilization and reprocessing staff that have a certificate from a Community College, they would be required to provide evidence of continuing education from a recognized course, for example, by passing the CSA Group exam or by receiving a certificate from the CSAO's refresher course.

List of acceptable courses:

1. CSA Group:

- a. Medical Device Reprocessing in Community Healthcare Settings – this an online course, and it must be accompanied with training from the manufacturer of the equipment used in the OHP

Link to course information:

<https://www.csagroup.org/store/product/2430550ol/>

2. Central Services Association of Ontario (CSAO)

- a. Medical Device Reprocessing Techniques Course – this course involves 30-40 hours of required home study in addition to the classroom instruction and a final exam

Link to course information: <https://mdrao.ca/education/>

- b. Refresher course – this course is for those who are required to have continuing education if their current certificate is out of date, past 5 years. This is not a classroom course. Once the course material is mailed out the staff member has 3 months to set the date of their exam. The exam is written in front of a invigilator

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3. Community Colleges

- a. There are a number of Community Colleges that offer sterilization and reprocessing courses. The list of Colleges below does not include all the Colleges offering these courses, but are the Certificates that are commonly seen in the OHP program.
 - Centennial College – Medical Device Reprocessing
 - Algonquin College – Medical Device Reprocessing
 - Fanshawe College – Sterile Processing
 - Seneca College – Medical Devices Reprocessing
 - Mohawk College – Medical Device Reprocessing
 - Durham College – Sterile Processing

4. Manufacturer Courses

- a. Olympus University (specific only to Endoscopy OHPs using Olympus Equipment): Certified Endoscope Reprocessing Trainer Course for Medical Endoscopes (Medical CERT)
Link to course information:
<https://continuum.olympusprofed.com/>
- b. Vantage Endoscopy: MERiT (Master Endoscope Reprocessing Technician) program - Endoscope Reprocessing & Care Certification
Link to course information: <https://vantageendoscopy.com/clinical-education/>

Note: Attendees of Manufacturer Courses that do not have hands-on training must make arrangements with their endoscope manufacturing sales representative for hands-on training and to receive a certificate confirming completion.

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