

IRSC OVERVIEW

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE (IRSC) is a public, comprehensive college with a statewide and national reputation for excellence. Located in Florida's Treasure Coast region, each of the College's five campuses provide unparalleled educational environments.

IRSC serves approximately 30,000 students annually and offers more than 100 programs leading to Bachelor's degrees, Associate degrees, technical certificates and applied technology diplomas. Continuing a 60-year tradition of responsiveness to community needs, IRSC is committed to advancing educational, cultural, career training, workforce and economic development in its service area.

IRSC was distinguished as the 2019 winner of the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, an honor that recognizes outstanding quality in the areas of completion & transfer, labor market outcomes, learning, equity and more. IRSC is one of the few colleges in the nation to earn the Achieving the Dream™ Leader College designation. The College is identified by the United States Department of Education as the most affordable college in Florida and the third-most affordable college in the country.

EA/EO Statement

Indian River State College provides equal employment and educational opportunities to all without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, and any other factor protected under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

Aдриене B. Jefferson, *Dean of Northwest Center,
Equity Officer/Title IX Coordinator*

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The Central Service Technician

What We Do

We prepare surgical instruments and devices. That means we clean, inspect, test, sterilize, and store and deliver devices needed for surgery in a healthcare facility. Because of the work we do, surgeons can operate safely on patients in our communities.

We anticipate the needs of our customers. Departments throughout the healthcare facility from the operating room to the clinics rely on the surgical instruments and devices we prepare. These departments rely on our precision, our attention to detail and our layered skills and knowledge related to surgical instrumentation.

How We Partner & Learn

We collaborate with our vendor partners and the medical teams throughout our facilities to ensure instruments are available when they are needed. The patients' needs always come first and they deserve the care and attention we give to the safety of the instruments used on them.

We lead by example and believe that the process of learning to be a sterile processing tech will never be something that we can simply check off our list. The rules change, best practices change, technology changes...Continuing education is an essential part of our professional development because it promotes and encourages things like quality and safety in the face of the constant evolution.

Why It Matters

In Sterile Processing, lives are saved every single day. Within the department, care and dedication bridge the gap between skill and precision, between hope and assuredness.

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The following items are found in the *Health Science Division Student Handbook*.

The philosophy of the Central Service Technology program is to provide a dynamic, behavioral and highly technical process directed toward the learning, application and participation of the sterile processing team member with continuous concern and awareness of the patient as the center focus of care.

INTRODUCTION

Applicants should carefully review the application procedures outlined. Admission to the Central Service Technology program is on a competitive basis. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application process is complete.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Students interested in applying to any health science program must attend the appropriate, regularly scheduled, program information session. The information session addresses any questions or concerns prospective applicants may have. The sessions also assist students in understanding how to achieve a “**qualified**” status. Students must register and attend an information session prior to the application deadline date.

**Central Service Technology Information Sessions are virtual.
Visit the Central Service Technology website
for dates and registration.
4:00 p.m.**

PRE-ADMISSION ADVISEMENT

Pre-advisement with an advisor is required for admission to the Central Service Technology program. Pre-advisement includes information on the application process, admissions requirements, program guidance and counseling, financial aid and time management.

It is strongly advised that students requiring the TABE test begin this process during the application period and continue until a 576+ in reading, 596+ math, and 584+ language is achieved. TABE requirements must be met for program completion.

Exceptions and Exemptions from the Basic Skills Examination

Students who are exempt from basic skills exit requirements include

- Pass a state or national industry certification or licensure examination that is identified in State Board of Education rules and aligned to the CTE program in which the student is enrolled; or
- Is enrolled in an apprenticeship program that is registered with FDOE in accordance with Chapter 446.
- If a student has met or exceeded standard scores in one area of one test, another test may be used to meet the additional skill area requirements. It is acceptable to combine test scores from more than one test. (Rule 6A-10.315, F.A.C.)
- A student who was previously tested and referred to developmental education at a Florida College System (FCS) institution college may be reported as meeting basic skills requirements once they successfully complete the required developmental education and will not need to be retested.
- Students enrolled in school district or FCS institution law enforcement training academies are not subject to basic skills exit requirements ins. 1004.91 F.S. or Rule 6A-10.040 F.A.C. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has designated the tonsSneT52 (d)-9.tlitietnpx91

APPLICANT REVIEW

Consideration for admission into the Central Service Technology program will be based upon completion of the following criteria upon submission of application:

1. 18 years of age or over (Must be 18 years old by August 1st)
2. IRSC Admission Status must be complete (receipt and evaluation of all transcripts).
- 3.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Programs** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Central Service Technology** and select **Background Check and Drug Screening Requirements**.

*All students must read this information carefully to understand what may disqualify them from entry into the program, clinical participation, licensure/certification and/or employment.

Health/Medical Record

A completed medical health form must also be submitted and approved by the Program Director. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records. The form is located on the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Programs, Meta Major** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Central Service Technology** and select **Health Science Physical Examination and Immunization Form**.

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Science program after resolution of the health problem. An updated health record, verified by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or an ARNP must be submitted.

Indian River State College and partnering clinical sites require all health science students

NON-ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Applicants who do not qualify for the program will be notified and may call the Health Science Office at 772-462-7550.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

A list of approximate costs is located on the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Programs, Meta Major** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Central Service Technology** and select **Expenses**. In addition to these costs, the candidate should allow for room, board, transportation and personal living expenses.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Aid (grants, loans, work-study) is available to those who qualify. Complete the *FAFSA and IRSC Supplemental Financial Aid Application* to determine eligibility. For more information, contact the IRSC Financial Aid Office at 772-462-7450 or toll-free at 1-866-900-3243 (FAID).

Scholarships designated for students in the Health Science programs may also be available. Scholarship opportunities are available through MyPioneerPortal.

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact the Scholarship Development Coordinator; Sherri Monds at smonds@irsc.edu.


CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CURRICULUM (650 Clock Hours)

Refer to the IRSC website at www.irsc.edu. Click **Quick Links** and select **Course Catalog**. Choose **Career and Technical Education Programs** and select **Central Services Technology**.

All core curriculum require a grade of “C” or higher.

Curriculum Notes

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION *
IRSC CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

Performance Standards Applied to the Classroom and Clinical Learning Environments	
	Critical Thinking
	Emotional Intelligence
	Effective Communication
	Mobility
	Gross & Fine Motor Skills
	Auditory Acuity
	Visual Acuity
	Strength/Stamina
	Compassion
	Resilience
	Professionalism

LATEX ADVISORY – Latex based products are used in all health care facilities.