

New Zealand Certificate in Sterilising Technology (Level 3)

The New Zealand Certificate in Sterilising Technology (Level 3) is an ideal programme to study if you use sterilisation procedures in an office based health service organisation, such as beauty therapy clinics, general medical practices, or tattoo parlours. You will gain skills in the reprocessing of reusable medical devices from decontamination through to sterilising and storage.

Qualification code NZ3218

Level > 3

Credits > 40

Workload >

Allow 10 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Open

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website

Student loan >

This programme is not eligible for student loan funding.

Career Opportunities

This qualification will give you the knowledge to support sterilising practice in an office-based health service organisation. You may also find employment in sterile service departments or be able to undertake further education and training in sterilising technology.

How to apply

Go to the **choose courses** tab on the qualification page on our website. Select all courses in the qualification structure table and click **add to enrolment plan**. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process which you can save and exit from at any time.



Qualification structure

To achieve this qualification students need to successfully complete both courses in the order listed below.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
STE301	Introduction to Infection Prevention and Control	20
STE302	Introduction to Sterilising Technology	20

What you will learn

When you complete this qualification you'll know about:

- the processes used to control infection
- diseases, blood born viruses, and infection prevention
- reprocessing standards to maintain a safe working environment
- control of risks when reprocessing reusable medical devices.

Entry requirements

You must be aged 16 years or over. Visit the qualification page and go to the entry requirements tab for more information.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic or General) score of 5.0 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic or General) score of 5.0 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand. You will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can study this programme if you're an international student living overseas, or a domestic citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.