

# Certified Surgical Cleaning Technician Program

Highly Skilled Technicians for a High Stakes Environment



CERTIFIED SURGICAL  
CLEANING TECHNICIAN™



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A national certification program for those charged with establishing and maintaining healthy surgical environments.

Establish and maintain healthy surgical environments, including:

- Interventional radiology
- Cardiac catheterization
- Cataract surgery
- Labor and delivery (including C-sections)
- Endoscopy
- Ambulatory surgery
- Other surgical procedure environments

## Select Members of an Elite Team

Working in surgical environments requires highly skilled staff members to coordinate and deliver care to patients, often under high pressure circumstances. Surgical cleaning technicians play an essential role in establishing and maintaining a healthy environment that facilitates infection prevention. They are key members of the care team, helping to ensure the surgical environment is sterile and safe for patients and staff.

## High Stakes

The intense, fast-paced and detail-oriented surgical environment is perhaps the most critical area in a healthcare setting. This high stakes environment requires specialized learning and skills. It demands surgical cleaning technicians be knowledgeable about pathogens and cutting-edge cleaning and disinfection techniques and practices, in addition to being organized and efficient, assured yet flexible.

## Setting a New Standard

AHE's Certified Surgical Cleaning Technician program sets a national standard and level of practice for surgical cleaning and disinfection. Through the CSCT program, AHE seeks to ensure surgical cleaning staff are highly skilled and fully prepared for their expanded role in the surgical environment.

**Learn more at [ahe.org/csct](http://ahe.org/csct).**



## Comprehensive Training & Curriculum

CSCT is a Train-the-Trainer instructor-led program — trainers located across the country at various healthcare facilities will conduct the training with their in-house technician after being trained in the curriculum by AHE.

## Training at the Next Level

The training places strong emphasis on “the why” behind the process of cleaning and disinfection of surgical environments, and is designed to help technicians succeed as they:

- Function in a fast-paced, highly-visible, highly-scrutinized environment that has serious expectations for quality
- Work cooperatively under pressure in a team-focused environment
- Interact professionally and confidently with clinicians
- Develop and apply new technical and interpersonal skills

## Innovative & Comprehensive

AHE’s innovative program was developed using evidence-based research, cleaning protocols, and disinfection methods. The program utilizes a variety of media, activities, real-world scenarios and examples to engage participants. It is designed to help learners retain information, improve on-the-job performance, and understand the “why” of cleaning and disinfection. The CSCT training is approximately 16 hours in length.

## THE CSCT CURRICULUM COVERS FIVE CORE DOMAINS:

- Infection Prevention
- Cleaning & Disinfection
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Impacts & Outcomes

## PRIMARY LEARNING OBJECTIVES BY DOMAIN:

**Infection Prevention** — Follow evidence-based procedures and protocol to prevent transmission of pathogens

**Cleaning & Disinfecting** — Perform surgical environment cleaning and disinfection properly and efficiently to ensure patient safety and maintain busy surgical schedules

**Problem Solving** — Apply critical-thinking and decision-making skills to solve problems that arise in day-to-day work

**Communication** — Communicate effectively with their care team to manage expectations, maintain productivity, and build strong relationships with team members

**Impacts & Outcomes** — Analyze the impacts of daily decisions and choose actions that lead to desired outcomes



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