

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE  
TRINITY RIVER EAST CAMPUS

Central

Sterile

Processing



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# What is a Sterile Processing Tech?

A Sterile Processing Technician, often abbreviated as SPD Tech or Sterile Tech, is a healthcare professional responsible for ensuring that medical instruments and equipment are properly cleaned, sterilized, and prepared for use in medical procedures. Their role is critical in maintaining a safe and sterile environment in healthcare facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and surgical centers.

Overall, Sterile Processing Technicians are essential members of the healthcare team who work behind the scenes to ensure the safety of patients and the success of medical procedures by maintaining the sterility of instruments and equipment. Their attention to detail and adherence to strict protocols help reduce the risk of infections and improve overall patient care outcomes.

# What is a Sterile Processing Tech?

Watch this short video: [What does a Sterile Processing Technician do?](#)  
Or scan the QR code below to watch the video.



# What is the future outlook for sterile processing technicians?

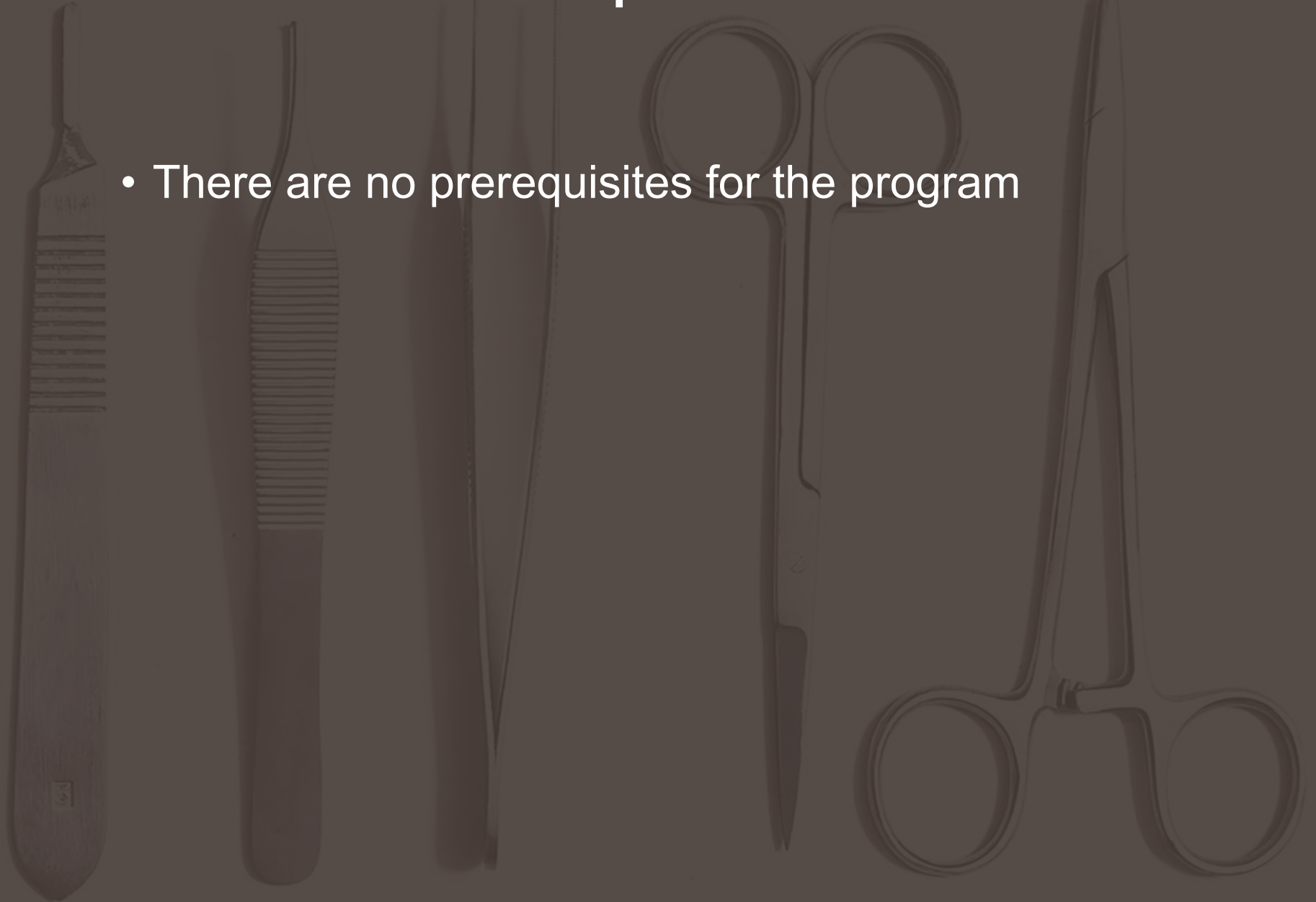
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics , medical equipment preparers, including sterile processing technicians, can expect a job growth of 6% from 2021 to 2031. This is as fast as the national average for all occupations

Average wage for a new tech is \$19.94 an hour/ \$41,480 annually



# Prerequisites

- There are no prerequisites for the program



# Eligibility



- Be a TCC student and have a TCC student ID number
  - To be eligible to apply for the Central Sterile Processing program, the student must first be a current TCCD student. This means that the student has a TCCD student ID number and has already applied and been accepted to the college.
- Have a diploma or GED
- Be 18 years old
- Have a current CPR Certification from The American Heart Association-Healthcare Provider

# Eligibility Continued

- Be up to date on immunizations
  - Please be aware that the TAC (Texas Administrative Code) and DFW Hospital Council Standards require that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. These **MUST** be submitted with your application.

They are currently as follows:

- ✓ HEPATITIS B ONLY!
- ✓ MMR
- ✓ TDAP
- ✓ Varicella
- ✓ Influenza
- ✓ TB Skin Test
- ✓ Covid

\*Some of these immunizations take up to 6 months to complete (HepB), it is best to get started NOW, or you can't apply for the program



# Requirements

Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete a drug screen, keep CPR current (American Heart Association certified BLS for Healthcare Providers), and a criminal background check. If you have any criminal charges, you need to email me to discuss what you must do in order to find out whether or not you can apply for the program. Felony's, Assault, Domestic Violence and Drug Charges automatically bar you from eligibility. You will also need to renew your TB annually and Flu seasonally.

\* House Bill 1508 which took effect in September 2017 requires that all of our students are notified that criminal offense convictions that occur while enrolled in our programs will affect their ability to apply for an occupational license.

# Length of Program & Schedule

The program is two semesters long. The first semester students have lecture and lab which are blended, meaning they are online and in person. Tentatively, class meets Monday/Wednesday between 5:00 pm and 9:00pm.

The second semester students go to clinical. The clinical schedule is Monday and Wednesday from 7:00am to 3 p.m.

## First Cohort

### Coursework in the Fall Term

- HPRS 1470 Central Sterile Processing 1
- HPRS 1370 Central Sterile Processing 2
- HPRS 1471 Central Sterile Processing 3

### Coursework in the Spring Term

- HPRS 1561 Clinical

## Second Cohort

### Coursework in the Spring Term

- HPRS 1470 Central Sterile Processing 1
- HPRS 1370 Central Sterile Processing 2
- HPRS 1471 Central Sterile Processing 3

### Coursework in the Summer Term

- HPRS 1561 Clinical

# Application Period



For Fall Admission:

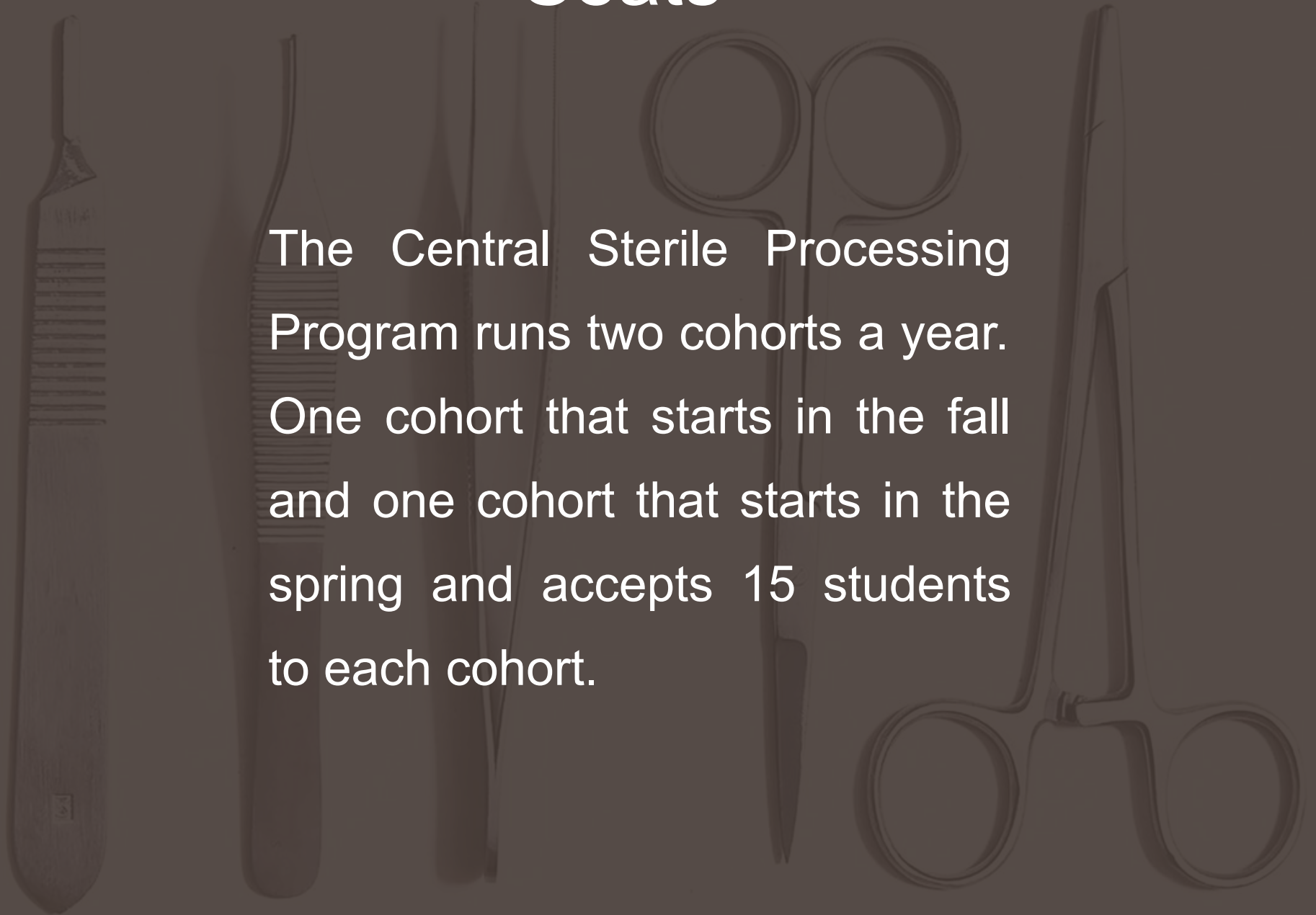
Application Period: March 1st to May 1st

For Spring Admission:

Application Period: October 1st to November 15th

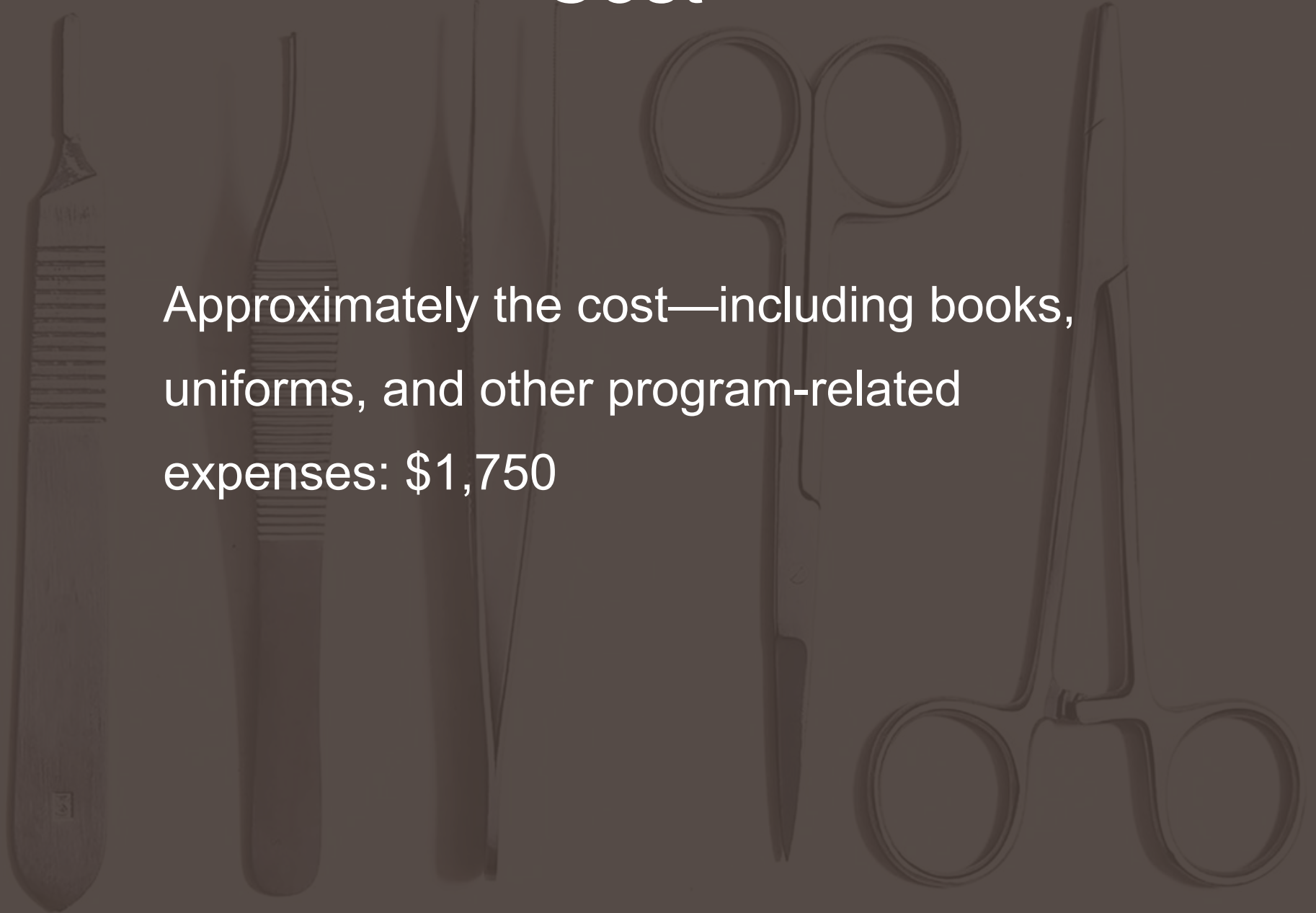
# Seats

The Central Sterile Processing Program runs two cohorts a year. One cohort that starts in the fall and one cohort that starts in the spring and accepts 15 students to each cohort.



# Cost

Approximately the cost—including books,  
uniforms, and other program-related  
expenses: \$1,750



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