Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) certification is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the experience, knowledge, and skills necessary to provide competent services as a central service technician. CRCST’s are integral members of the healthcare team who are responsible for decontaminating, inspecting, assembling, disassembling, packaging, and sterilizing reusable surgical instruments or devices in a health care facility that are essential for patient safety.

To earn CRCST certification, candidates are required to successfully demonstrate skills through completion of hands-on work experience as well as successful completion of an examination developed to measure the understanding of general central services and infection prevention topics. CRCST certificants are required to recertify annually through completion of continuing education requirements.

Once your application and payment have been received by IAHCSMM, processing will typically take 2-3 business days. Information on your 90 day exam eligibility period, scheduling your exam, available testing dates and locations, and the testing process will be sent to the email address(es) provided on the application. Once you receive your scheduling email, it is your responsibility to schedule your exam. Certification exams CANNOT be given by proctor; you must test at a Prometric Testing Center. To find the closest testing center to you please visit www.prometric.com/iahcsmm

SECTION ONE – Applicant Information (To be completed by APPLICANT)

Please note: Incomplete or illegible applications can delay processing, clearly print all information

First Name(s): __________________________ Last Name(s): __________________________
(As appearing on your primary government issued photo ID) (As appearing on your primary government issued photo ID)
Name of Current Facility: __________________________ IAHCSMM ID# _______________________
IAHCSMM ID# (Leave blank if unknown)
Facility Address: __________________________ (City, State/District & Postal Code) __________________________
(Number, Street, and/or PO Box) (Country)
Current Position (circle one): Student Technician Supervisor Manager Educator Other: __________________________
Home Address: __________________________ (City, State/District & Postal Code) __________________________
(Number, Street, and/or PO Box) (Country)
Home or Cell Phone: (___________)_______________________ Work Phone: (___________)_______________________ Ext:
Home Email: __________________________ Work Email: __________________________
(At least one email address, either home or work, is mandatory) (At least one email address, either home or work, is mandatory)
Your exam scheduling information will be sent to the email address(es) listed above.

SECTION TWO – Payment Information (To be completed by APPLICANT or PAYMENT PROVIDER)

Please note: IAHCSMM cannot accept purchase orders of any kind; payment must be submitted along with this application

The examination fee outside the United States and Canada is $150 USD. Payment must be submitted, along with this application, in the form of: Credit/Debit Card or Money Order (made payable in US dollars) Payment CANNOT be made by phone.

☐ I am submitting a money order, made payable to IAHCSMM, by mail to: 55 West Wacker Dr, Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60601, USA
☐ I am submitting the credit/debit card information below and give permission for my card to be charged $150 USD:
Fax to: 1-312-440-9474, Scan & Email to: certification@iahcsmm.org, or Mail to: 55 West Wacker Dr, Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60601, USA

Credit/Debit Card Holder’s Printed Name: __________________________
Credit/Debit Card Number: __________________________ Expiration: (Month/Year)
CV2#: __________________________

PLEASE NOTE: This application is only for those individuals testing outside of the US & Canada
For those testing within the US or Canada, please download the CRCST (US/Canada) application from IAHCSMM.org

For Office Use Only

S1 _______________ S2 _______________ S3 _______________
S4 _______________ S5 _______________ RT _______________
Upon passing the CRCST exam, you will be granted one year of complimentary membership with IAHCSMM in addition to your certification. It is not required that you become an IAHCSMM member before taking the exam, nor is it required for you to maintain membership with IAHCSMM in order to be certified. If for any reason you prefer not to receive complimentary membership upon passing your certification exam please indicate so below.

☐ Yes; I wish to receive complimentary 1 year IAHCSMM Membership after passing the CRCST exam
☐ No; I do not wish to receive complimentary IAHCSMM Membership after passing the CRCST exam

SECTION THREE – Statement of Understanding (To be completed by APPLICANT)
Please note: Your signature in this section is mandatory in order to test with IAHCSMM

Statement of Understanding
I hereby apply to take the CRCST exam. By signing below and submitting an exam application and fee, I attest that I have read and understand the IAHCSMM Certification Handbook (available online at IAHCSMM.org) and agree to abide by the certification program’s policies and procedures, and adhere to the Association’s code of conduct. I agree to inform IAHCSMM, without delay, of any matter that affects my ability to fulfill the certification requirements.

I further certify that the information provided by and about me on this form (and any other subsequent documentation submitted in relation to my certification) is accurate and correct. I understand that the information I provide to IAHCSMM may be audited for verification. I agree to provide any information necessary to verify my experience and authorize IAHCSMM to make any necessary inquiries in this regard. I understand that providing information on this or any document relating to my certification which is determined to be false or purposefully misleading, or in violation of any portion of the Code of Conduct and/or other policies and procedures, may result in disciplinary action, including the possible denial or revocation of certification, as outlined in the disciplinary policy.

Release of Exam Results
I understand that a Pass/Fail notice will be issued at the testing center upon completion of the exam, and that IAHCSMM will only release my full exam results directly to me, in written format, at the address provided herein. Results are not available orally or electronically, and can take up to four weeks to be delivered. Exam results and pass/fail notifications will not be provided to 3rd parties without my prior express written consent. Upon request IAHCSMM will verify an individual’s current certification status (including their certification effective and expiration dates) to any inquiring party, but will not release the details of an individual’s examination(s), including exam scores and the number of exam attempts.

Use of Personal Information
The information provided to IAHCSMM on this form, and in regard to my certification exam, will be used in accordance of IAHCSMM’s Confidentiality Policy, included in the Certification Handbook and available online at IAHCSMM.org. If I request and am granted special testing accommodations IAHCSMM may disclose personal information to third parties as necessary to administer my examination. This may include such information as my disability status, medical condition, or any political, religious, or philosophical beliefs which require accommodation. If IAHCSMM is required by law to disclose confidential information, the individual(s) whose information is released will be notified to the extent permitted by law.

Non-Disclosure Agreement
This examination is confidential and proprietary. It is made available to me, the examinee, solely for the purpose of becoming certified in the technical area referenced in the title of this exam. I am expressly prohibited from recording, copying, reproducing, disclosing, publishing, or transmitting this examination, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronic or mechanical, for any purpose.

Printed Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

SECTION FOUR – Type of CRCST (To be completed by APPLICANT)
Please sign only ONE of the options below

CRCST certification requires the completion of 400 hours of hands-on experience in a Central Service Department. IAHCSMM strongly recommends that you complete these hours before applying to test; by doing so you will be better prepared for your exam and will be granted Full Certification upon passing. You do have the option of testing before completing your hours, with the understanding that they must be completed within six months of passing your exam. If you choose to test before the completion of your hours you will be granted Provisional Certification upon passing. Please be aware that IAHCSMM does not provide placement services; it is your responsibility to find a department in which to complete your hours.

☐ I am applying for Full Certification: 400 hours of hands-on experience, as outlined in SECTION FIVE of this application, have been completed. Section Five has been completed by the manager/supervisor who witnessed the accumulation of my hours.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

☐ I am applying for Provisional Certification: I will complete 400 hours of hands-on experience, on either a paid or volunteer basis, within six months of passing the certification exam. Hours will be accumulated in the specific categories outlined in Section Five of this application. If I fail to complete and submit documentation of these hours to IAHCSMM prior to the end of the six month period, my certification will be revoked. Successful completion of a retake exam will then be required to regain certification and full testing fees would apply.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

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SECTION FIVE – Hands-On Experience (To be completed by applicant’s MANAGER/SUPERVISOR)

Please note: All information in this section must be completed/initialed by the applicant’s Manager/Supervisor

The applicant cannot complete any part of this section

INSTRUCTIONS: This section is to be completed by the Manager/Supervisor who oversaw the CRCST applicant’s work/volunteer experience. Providing you are in a position above the applicant, this section can be completed by: Lead Techs, Coordinators, Supervisors, Managers, Directors, Chiefs, Administrators, or Hospital-Based Educators/Trainers. By completing this section you attest that the employee/volunteer listed below has completed the minimum 400 hours of hands-on experience required for this IAHCSMM certification and will verify as much if called upon. Every line below must be completed, which includes initializing each area of experience to indicate that it has either been completed or redistributed (but only if such an option is listed.) If hours are redistributed, please indicate as such in the +_______ field following the appropriate area(s) of experience.

Manager/Supervisor Initials

_______ 1. General Cleaning (32 Hours) +
   Instruments – Utensils – Specialty Items, Operation of Mechanical Washers

_______ 2. Wrapping Packaging (36 Hours) +
   Packaging Techniques, Pouches, Flat Wraps, and Rigid Containers; Label/Expiration Dates, etc

_______ 3. Assemble Instrument/Procedure Trays (60 Hours) +_______
   Assembly/Layout, Inspection, Identification, Use

_______ 4. Sterilization (64 Hours) +
   High & Low Temp Sterilization Processes, Sterilization QA Systems, Record Keeping, Handling/Putting Away Sterile Supplies, Dust Covering

_______ 5. Storage Clean & Sterile (36 Hours)
   Rotating Supplies, Inventory and Restocking Carts/Shelves, Outdates, Cleaning Storage Shelves

_______ 6. Miscellaneous (40 Hours)

_______ 7. Patient Care Equipment (32 Hours)
   Cleaning – Assembly/Testing Identification, Suction Units, IV Infusion/Patient-Controlled Analgesia Pumps, Hypothermia Units,
   Hot or Cold Therapy Devices, Infant Incubators, Respirators, Portable Equipment from the OR
   (Note: If Department does not reprocess PCE, these hours must be added to General Cleaning; initial to the left & indicate above where hours were added)

_______ 8. Linen Folding (36 Hours)
   Inspection, Folding Drapes/Wrappers, Towels, etc.
   (Note: If Facility does not have any reusable linen, these 36 Hours must be divided in half and added to General Cleaning [18 additional hours]
   and Assemble Instrument/Procedure Trays [18 additional hours]; initial to the left & indicate above where hours were added)

_______ 9. Case Carts (32 Hours)
   Assembly, Pick Sheets, Cover and Transport to OR
   (Note: If Facility does not use Case Carts, these 32 Hours must be divided in half and added to Wrapping Packaging [16 additional hours]
   and Sterilization [16 additional hours]; initial to the left & indicate above where hours were added)

_______ 10. Distribution (32 Hours)
   Par Levels, Point of Use Systems, Exchange Carts, Just-In-Time
   (Note: If Facility does not use these procedures, these 32 Hours must be divided in half and added to General Cleaning [16 additional hours]
   and Assemble Instrument/Procedure Trays [16 additional hours]; initial to the left & indicate above where hours were added)

Printed Name of Applicant Being Verified: ____________________________ IAHCSMM ID#: ____________________________

(Leave blank if unknown)

Facility Where Applicant’s Experience Was Obtained: ____________________________

Facility Address: ____________________________________________________________

(Number, Street, and/or PO Box) (City, State/District & Postal Code) (Country)

Dates When Applicant’s Experience Was Obtained (must have occurred within the past 5 years): ___________________ to ___________________

Is the Applicant a Current Employee of the Facility? Yes ☐ No ☐

Mandatory (Month/Date/Year) Mandatory (Month/Date/Year)

Printed Name of Manager/Supervisor Verifying Experience: ____________________________

Mgr/Spv’s Title Within the Department: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Mgr/Spv’s Signature: ____________________________

Mgr/Spv’s Work Phone (with extension): (_________)______________________________

Mgr/Spv’s Hospital-Based Email: ______________________________________________

Please Remember: The applicant cannot complete any part of this page whatsoever (including their name or facility information.) Doing so will result in the application being returned, unprocessed.