

All staff involved in reprocessing of medical equipment/devices must be supervised and shall be qualified through education in a formally recognized course for sterilization technology, training, and experience in the functions they perform.

The policies of the Premises shall specify the requirements for, and frequency of, education and training as well as competency assessment for all personnel involved in the reprocessing of medical equipment/devices and will ensure that:

- All staff involved in reprocessing obtain and maintain certification every 5 years.
- Any individual involved in any aspect of reprocessing obtains education, orientation and training specific to the medical equipment/device to be reprocessed.
- There is a process in place to ensure continued competency, including continuing education provided at regular intervals and periodic competency assessment.
- All orientation, training and continuing education is documented.

(Source: [Public Health Ontario: Best Practices for Cleaning Disinfection and Sterilization in All Health Care Settings, 3rd edition](#))

Organizations that offer courses in reprocessing of medical equipment/devices:

- Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Group
- Medical Device Reprocessing Association of Ontario (MDRAO)
- Community Colleges
- Olympus University (specific only to Endoscopy OHPs using Olympus equipment)

Note: This is not an exhaustive list. The Premises is responsible for ensuring the staff receive education in a formally recognized course in sterilization technology.