



2023/24

Decontamination & Sterilisation

Courses & Apprenticeships



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ABOUT AVENSYS TRAINING

The Avensys Training Academy is an internationally recognised provider of Bio-Medical qualifications and certified Decontamination training courses. Located at the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology (IoT), we deliver certified training to UK hospitals as well as on location training in Europe and beyond. Our team of trainers have unrivalled experience in the Sterilisation and Decontamination field, built over decades as hands on practitioners and educators.

Located in Dudley, the Institute of Technology has allowed us to expand our offering. Training now takes place within a 'mock hospital'. This simulated training environment contains theatre, ward, dental surgery, diagnostic imaging and Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD) rooms providing the ideal environment for both hands on and theoretical learning.



In Partnership With



SHORT COURSES



WHY ENROL ON A SHORT COURSE?

The correct Sterilisation and Decontamination of medical instruments is critical to a hospital's ability to deliver patient care. Avensys' short courses deliver both the practical and theoretical knowledge that teaches not just the 'how' a process is undertaken, but also the 'why'. This deeper understanding of the topic instils in learners the importance of performing operational processes with 100% accuracy each and every time a procedure is undertaken.

Courses are available for both operators and Validation Engineers to ensure that CSSD equipment is operated, calibrated and maintained correctly.

KEY BENEFITS

- CITY & GUILDS ASSURED COURSES**
Avensys offer City & Guilds assured Sterilisation & Decontamination courses. Train with confidence knowing that our course content has been reviewed and approved by City & Guilds.
- SIMULATED HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT**
Our mock hospital at the IoT includes simulated theatre, ward, dental surgery, diagnostic imaging and Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD) rooms and classrooms.
- PRACTICAL & THEORETICAL LEARNING**
All courses comprise both practical and theoretical learning to ensure mastery of the topic.
- TRAINING FOR OPERATORS**
We can teach your staff the fundamentals of the Sterilisation process, how to operate Sterilisers and Washer Disinfectors and how to conduct weekly tests.
- TRAINING FOR VALIDATION ENGINEERS**
We also offer more advanced training courses for Validation Engineers. These cover quarterly testing, maintenance and repairs.
- ONLINE TRAINING**
Our learning platform helps monitor and manage training requirements.

Short Courses 2022/23	Code	Duration	Level	Cost
Fundamentals of Decontamination within a SSD environment	FDO	1 day	C&G	£350
Weekly testing of Benchtop Steam Sterilisers	WTB	1 day	C&G	£350
Operators - Large Porous Load Sterilisers	STO	1 day	C&G	£350
Weekly testing of Washer Disinfectors	WWT	1 day	C&G	£350
Weekly testing of Large Porous Load Sterilisers	SWT	2 days	C&G	£680
Periodic testing of Washer Disinfectors	WPT	5 days	C&G	£1,650
Periodic testing of Benchtop Sterilisers	BPT	5 days	C&G	£1,650
Periodic testing of Large Porous Load Sterilisers	SPT	5 days	C&G	£1,650

Course details available online:
avensysmedical.co.uk/decon-courses



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APPRENTICESHIPS

WHY EMPLOY/ BECOME AN APPRENTICE?

Like many industries Sterile Services has an ageing workforce. Apprenticeships are a government funded initiative to develop and nurture talent as part of succession planning. Developing the skills of hospital staff involved in Sterilisation and Decontamination can result in improved efficiency, greater flexibility, fewer errors and lower costs.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no age limit on being an apprentice and the formal recognition of skills is an excellent way in which to manage career progression and develop a specific skill set in Sterile Services.

WHAT IS THE APPRENTICESHIP LEVY?

The Apprenticeship Levy is a government scheme committed to significantly increase spending on Apprenticeships in England.

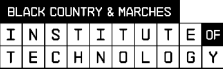
Employers with an annual pay bill of more than £3 million must pay 0.5% of their pay bill to fund new Apprenticeships. The money generated can be drawn down to cover the costs of an Apprenticeship, meaning the Apprenticeship is delivered effectively at zero further cost to the apprentice or employer.

OUR DELIVERY PARTNERS

Avensys Apprenticeships are delivered in partnership with the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology and Dudley College of Technology. This partnership ensures Apprentices get the best of both worlds; tuition from Avensys' medical experts combined with the experience of Dudley College of Technology in delivering Apprenticeship courses.

The Black Country and Marches is the only Institute of Technology in the UK which offers training for Sterile Services and Bio-Medical Engineering. Apprentices will further benefit from this strategic partnership as they will have access to a brand new world class training facility.

Visit our website for more information about our Apprenticeship courses:
avensysmedical.co.uk/apprenticeships



KEY BENEFITS

- MODULES TAILORED TO CSSD**
Avensys have selected the modules that are the best fit for those undertaking an Apprenticeship in the Decontamination and Sterilisation sector.
- DEDICATED ASSESSOR**
Each Apprentice is assigned an Assessor who will be your point of contact with Avensys. The Assessor will liaise with both the Apprentice and their line manager. Your Assessor is responsible for answering queries, handling complaints, managing training and assessing the progress of your Apprentices. Virtual Assessor meetings are held every 6-8 weeks.
- APPRENTICESHIP LEVY FUNDING**
Apprenticeships are one of the most cost effective ways to train your staff as they are funded by the Apprenticeship Levy.
- £3,000 APPRENTICE INCENTIVE**
Employers can apply for a £3,000 incentive payment from the government for each apprentice they employ. This incentive is subject to change, please ask a member of staff to clarify the current incentive guidelines.
- IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY**
Apprentices will learn the theory behind the Sterilisation process and understand its importance. Workers who understand why they are doing something take more care, thus improving patient safety.
- EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT IMPROVES RETENTION**
Upon completion of this apprenticeship your employees will receive an industry recognised qualification. Investing in your workforce has been proven to improve staff retention.



Healthcare Science Apprenticeship Decontamination and Sterilisation

Level 2 12 months

Designed to be taken by anyone wanting to work as a Healthcare Science Assistant within a Decontamination and Sterilisation department. Apprentices will learn foundation techniques to carry out low-risk, routine, technical and scientific procedures. The Level 2 Healthcare Science Apprenticeship will last a minimum of 12 months and will provide an excellent insight into aspects of Healthcare Science.

The Apprenticeship provides opportunities for those new to or already employed in the Decontamination and Sterilisation sector to gain formal qualifications. This apprenticeship will enhance existing skills and knowledge whilst developing new technical and professional skills.

Healthcare Science Apprenticeship Decontamination and Sterilisation

Level 4 24 months

This Apprenticeship is aimed at experienced and supervisory personnel already working or starting in a more senior role within the Decontamination and Sterilisation sector. Apprentices will learn fundamental and advanced techniques to use, maintain, calibrate, and understand Decontamination and Sterilisation equipment as well as all policies and procedures of Decontamination and Sterilisation.

The Apprentice Associate will also develop technical report writing skills in the management of technical data. The Level 4 Healthcare Science Apprenticeship will last a minimum of 24 months and will provide an overarching insight into Decontamination and Sterilisation.

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Fundamentals of Decontamination within a SSD environment	FDO	1 day	C&G	£350	18				29				13			19
Weekly testing of Benchtop Steam Sterilisers	WTB	1 day	C&G	£350	25			11				2				20
Operators – Large Porous Load Sterilisers	STO	1 day	C&G	£350		16			8			3				21
Weekly testing of Washer Disinfectors	WWT	1 day	C&G	£350							25	13				
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All courses include lunchtime meal

Dates and costs are subject to change, please refer to www.avensysmedical.co.uk/training for latest information.

Please contact us to discuss Avensys learner pathways to help you choose the right one.

* Accommodation package including breakfast and dinner available at additional cost

** Prices are exclusive of VAT & subject to change

Apprenticeships	Level	Duration
Level 2 Healthcare Science Decontamination and Sterilisation - Funded by the Apprenticeship Levy	2	12 months
Level 4 Healthcare Science Decontamination and Sterilisation - Funded by the Apprenticeship Levy	4	24 months

