

Foundation Course in Decontamination and Sterilization

The SafMed Foundation and Advanced Foundation Courses in Sterilization and Decontamination give a brief orientation to all aspects of the CSSD. As part of SafMed's contribution to the community, this course is offered free of charge to anyone that works in the sterile services environment where infection control and specifically decontamination is paramount.

The Advanced Foundation Course is aimed specifically at managers and supervisors, runs over 2 days, and has a practical component on risk assessment.

The Foundation Course is a 5-hour workshop with a short 30-minute competency exam at the end. In order to be issued with a SafMed certificate, students must attain at least 80%.

The Foundation Course will cover the following:

- History of Sterile Services
- Standard of Care and Legal Implications
- Infection Prevention
- The Decontamination and Sterilization Process
- The Principles of Cleaning
- Principals of Inspection of Medical Devices
- Principles of Assembly and Packaging
- Steam Sterilization Practice
- Storage and Distribution

The Advanced Foundation Course will cover the following:

- Relevant Legislation
- Health and Safety assessment
- Basic Microbiology
- Sterilization Methods
- Monitoring, Tracking and Recording
- Risk Assessment
- Quality Assurance

Contact Information

In order to attend these courses an application form must be submitted, which can be obtained from SafMed's co-ordinators, as follows:

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Course	Venue	Dates 2009	Deadlines for Applications
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Gauteng	16 March	2 March
Advanced Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Free State	18/19 March	2 March
Advanced Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Gauteng	1 / 2 June	15 May
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Limpopo	4 June	11 May
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Mpumalanga	24 October	12 October
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Cape Town	4 April	23 March
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Cape Town	3 November	26 October
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Port Elizabeth	6 July	29 June
Foundation Course in Sterilization and Decontamination	Durban	11 August	27 July