



Certified Histological Technician

Certified Histological Technicians prepare very thin slices of human tissue and analyze those samples through a microscope. Their findings help medical professionals to diagnose illness and disease. These professionals also maintain laboratory equipment, records, and quality assurance systems.

Education

Associate's or higher degree in a [Department-registered](#) certified histological technician licensure program, or the equivalent.

Examination

The ASCP Board of Certification examination for histotechnician.

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$58,670
- Salary range: \$51,920-\$64,610
- Projected growth: faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Hospitals and clinics
- Private Industry
- Research
- Education/training

Your Interests and Abilities

- Biology, immunology, anatomy, chemistry
- Scientific analysis
- Understanding of lab procedures

Professional Skills

- Knowledge of laws governing clinical laboratories
- Stress management
- Precision and organization
- Ability to handle human tissues

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a certified histological technician about what they do and how they got started!