



Cytotechnologist

Cytotechnologists use independent judgment to examine specimens of human tissue and fluid at a microscopic level to identify the characteristics of cells, including any abnormalities or organisms present. Other health professionals rely on cytotechnologists to help them diagnose illness and disease. These professionals also carefully document their work and perform critical processes to ensure accurate testing results.

Education

Bachelor's or higher degree in a Department-registered cytotechnology licensure program, or the equivalent.

OR

Bachelor's or higher degree with a major in biology, chemistry, or the physical sciences AND an advanced certificate in cytotechnology.

Examination

The ASCP Board of Certification examination for cytotechnology.

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$74,040
- Salary range: \$61,097-\$87,177
- Projected growth: faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Hospitals/clinics
- Clinical laboratories
- Government and research
- Education/training

Your Interests and Abilities

- Chemistry
- Biology and microbiology
- Scientific analysis
- Understanding of lab procedures

Professional Skills

- Ability to examine specimens using highly specialized clinical laboratory technology.
- Ability to manage stress
- Precision, organization, and observation

