

# Cytotechnologist



## What do they do?

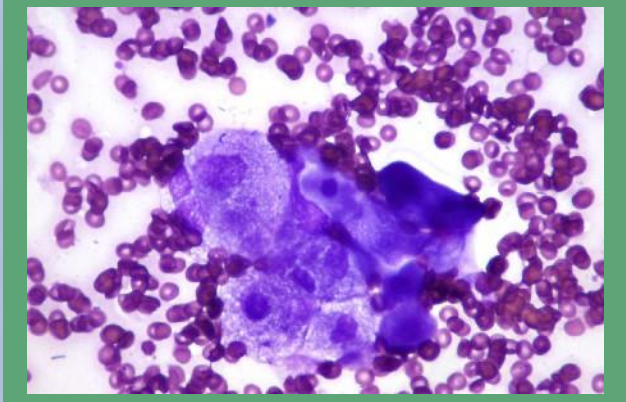
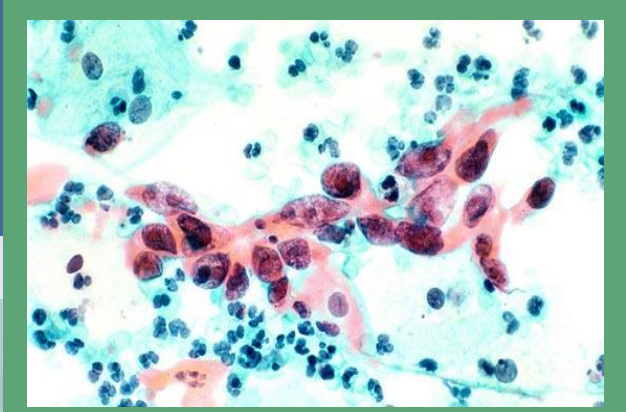
Cytology is the study of cells. A Cytotechnologist uses a microscope to identify cellular abnormalities. They provide an inspection of a specimen and work closely with a Pathologist for diagnosis.

## Where do they work?

Most Cytotechnologists work in a hospital setting. Other Cytotechnologists work in medical laboratories and clinics.

## Pay:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly income for Cytotechnologists is \$52,330.



## Education:

A bachelor's degree is required to become a Cytotechnologist.

### Cytotechnology training in Wisconsin:

UW-Madison:

[www.cytotechprogram.wisc.edu](http://www.cytotechprogram.wisc.edu)

UW- Platteville: [www.uwplatt.edu/biology/cytotechnology](http://www.uwplatt.edu/biology/cytotechnology)

Edgewood College:

[www.edgewood.edu](http://www.edgewood.edu)

High School students interested in becoming a Cytotechnologist should take courses in chemistry, biology and anatomy and physiology.

## Accreditation:

Education programs for Cytotechnologists are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

[www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)



## Certification:

After receiving the appropriate education to work in Cytology, students are able to take national certification exams.

The ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) is a certifying body within the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) that administers this certification exam.

For more information on these exams visit:

[www.ascp.org/Board-of-Certification](http://www.ascp.org/Board-of-Certification)



## Professional Associations:

There are multiple professional associations that Cytotechnologists can be a part of. To learn about these organizations visit the websites below:

American Society for Cytotechnology:

[www.asct.com](http://www.asct.com)

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science:

[www.ascls.org](http://www.ascls.org)



## Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists, including Cytotechnologists, is expected to grow 13 percent between 2016-2026, which is much faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017-18 Edition*, Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians, [www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-and-clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-and-clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm)

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