

Cytotechnologist



What do they do?

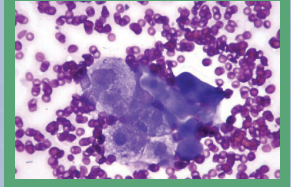
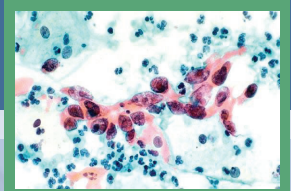
Cytology is the study of cells. A Cytotechnologist uses a microscope to identify cellular abnormalities. They provide an inspection of a specimen and work closely with a Pathologist for diagnosis.

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 \$54,180.



Education:

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

Cytotechnology training in Wisconsin:

UW-Madison:
www.cytotechprogram.wisc.edu

UW- Platteville: www.uwplatt.edu/biology/cytotechnology

Edgewood College:
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

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



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

American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science:

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 11 percent between 2020-2030, which is faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-and-clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm (visited September 08, 2021).



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