

# Histology Technician & Technologist



## What do they do?

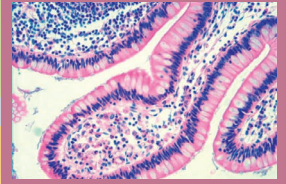
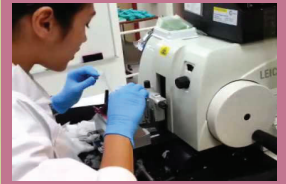
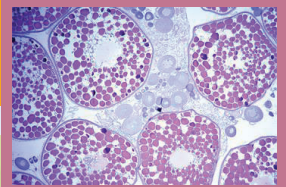
Histology is the study of tissue. Histotechnicians (HT) and Histotechnologists (HTL) prepare tissues by cutting and staining them from various sites in the body to be reviewed by a Pathologist.

## Where do they work?

Histotechnologists work in hospitals, public health facilities and research institutions.

## Pay:

According to salary.com the average yearly income for a Histotechnician/Histotechnologist is \$54,180.



## Education:

Histotechnicians (HT) are required to have a high school education, but an associates degree in Histotechnology is preferred.

Histotechnologists (HTL) are required to have a bachelors degree in a related science.

### Histotechnology training in Wisconsin:

Marshfield Labs:

[www.marshfieldlabs.org/lab-services/education](http://www.marshfieldlabs.org/lab-services/education)

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

## Professional Associations:

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

National Society for Histotechnology:

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



American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science:

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



## Certification:

After receiving the appropriate education to work in histology, 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 these certification exams.

The exams administered include:

- Histotechnician (HT)
- Histotechnologist (HTL)

For more information on these exams visit:

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



## Accreditation:

Education programs for Histotechnologists are accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

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



## Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists, including Histotechnologists, 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](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-and-clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm) (visited September 08, 2021)

