CYTOTECHNOLOGIST

Cytotechnologists are laboratory professionals who evaluate cells and cellular anomalies. Skilled with a diverse array of advanced microscopes, they examine tissues for any indication of abnormality and/or disease. Often, they look for cancerous or pathogenic cells.

CAREER DESCRIPTION*
» National average salary: $61,070
» National projected job growth: 12%
» Many work in hospitals and physician offices
» Play a crucial role in helping patients to recover from illness, by identifying a disease while it is still at a treatable stage.

TYPICAL EDUCATION**
» Years of school (including undergraduate): 4
» Approximate cost: $19,355
» Average entering GPA: 2.8
» Typical entry-level education: Bachelor’s Degree
» Licensing is required

NEABRY SCHOOLS
» University of Nebraska Medical Center
» Purdue University -Indiana
» Mayo Clinic of Health Sciences- Minnesota
» St. Louis University- Missouri

COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS ALWAYS…
» Maintain a competitive academic record
» Obtain health care experience
» Shadow professionals in the field

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS SAY

“Cytotechnology allows you to challenge yourself to stay current on new technologies and procedures. We are vital to patient care management and detection.”

- Tally, Cytotechnologist (ASCP)

“[Cytotechnology] is versatile, and I love the daily challenge. The program at UNMC has far exceeded my expectations.”

- N. Baker, Cytotechnologist/ UNMC graduate

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