

# 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

## NEARBY 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

\*Data and information from Career Explorer

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