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***
- Typical Salary: $41,540 (National)
- Projected job growth: 20% (National)
- 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

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

**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**
- Maintain a competitive academic record
- Obtain health care experience
- Must be licensed
- Shadow professionals in the field

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**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, CT (ASCP)

"The profession is very versatile and I love the daily challenge. The program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center has far exceeded my expectations.*"

-N. Baker, Cytotechnologist

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*Data and information from Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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