

DIAGNOSTIC CYTOLOGIST

Diagnostic Cytologists 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 median salary: \$60,780
- » National projected career growth: 5-8%
- » 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): 4-6 years
- » Average Entering GPA: 2.8+
- » Typical entry-level education: Bachelor's Degree
- » Bachelor's Degree can be in any field, science recommended
- » Licensing is required

NEARBY SCHOOLS

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

COMPETITIVE STUDENTS ALWAYS...

- » Maintain a competitive academic record
- » Obtain computer and health care experience
- » Shadow professionals in the field

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL 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 the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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