DIAGNOSTIC CYTOLOGY

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: $72,784
- National projected job growth: 11%
- 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
- Approximate tuition: $12,025 **
- Required 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 healthcare 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 the Bureau of Labor Statistics
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