

Cytotechnology

Cytotechnology is an advanced allied health career which prepares students to use specialized equipment to study cells for detecting cancer, hormonal abnormalities and other pathological disease processes. Individuals entering this curriculum must have earned a bachelor's degree with a concentration in the biological sciences.

Course work includes entry-level knowledge and skills in cell collection and preparation and microscopic use to interpret specimens. Graduates work in conjunction with pathologists to perform special diagnostic procedures.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates receive a certificate in cytotechnology and are eligible to take the National Board of Certification Examination of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Cytotechnologists may find employment in hospital and university laboratories, private laboratories, private companies and research facilities.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in cytotechnology employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.