

# CPTC CAREER PATHWAYS Medical Histology Technician

Career Cluster:

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Medical Histology Technician

Trains the student to prepare thin sections of human tissue for microscopic examination. Prepares students for entry level employment as medical histology technicians in clinical, veterinary, and research laboratories. It also serves as a pathway for career advancement and specialized areas in the medical histotechnology profession.

The program stresses practical application and the development of job skills as well as medical histotechnology theory. Designed to enhance the ability of students to reason, understand, and apply correct principles of medical histotechnology by teaching analytical and critical thinking skills, this course prepares students to sit for the National Board Certification Exam.

New entrants into the field, as well as incumbent workers who have not had the advantage of receiving a strong theoretical foundation, will find this course of study beneficial. Students will be involved in classroom/lab work for the first three quarters of the program with the remaining time spent in a clinical rotation.

### STARTING CONSIDERATIONS

[Apply to Clover Park Technical College](#)

#### Other Considerations:

- "no record on file"
- Immunization Documentation
- Mandatory orientation

### STARTING OPTIONS

- High School Diploma / Some College
- [GED](#), [ESL](#), Adult Basic Skills (ABE)
- 1st Career / 2nd Career
- Seeking Professional Credentials
- [Continuing Ed](#)
- [E-Learning](#) (online instruction)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### ASSOCIATE DEGREE

#### AAT & AAS-T

- 4-quarter program
- Prerequisites for enrollment: High School Diploma or GED
- Full time, day program
- Internship required
- Personal health/medical insurance required for clinical rotations.
- NAACLS accredited program

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

#### Histology Technician

\* national exam required

[www.ascp.org](http://www.ascp.org)

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE

check with the receiving 4-year institution for transfer of credit

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

#### Histotechnologist (HTL)

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### MASTERS DEGREE

Check with receiving institution

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

#### Pathologist Assistant (PA)

[www.pathassist.org](http://www.pathassist.org)