



# CYTOTECHNOLOGY

**Description:** Cytotechnologists are the health professionals that are responsible for evaluating cellular material from all body sites. This includes the recognition of both normal and abnormal cells in gynecologic, non-gynecologic, and fine needle aspiration specimens as well as identification of infectious agents and inflammatory processes.

**Job/Salary Outlook:** Job opportunities are expected to continue to increase. The average starting salary in North Carolina is in the mid-upper \$30,000 range.

## **Program Options:**

- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program (12 months):** courses include gynecologic cytology as well as cytology of the respiratory tract, GI tract, central nervous system, urinary tract, breast and thyroid.

## **Program Prerequisites:**

- **Biology:** at least 20 semester hours. Suggested courses include anatomy & physiology, molecular biology, genetics
- **Chemistry:** at least 12 semester hours including general chemistry and organic chemistry or biochemistry
- **Math:** at least 3 hours including one of the following: statistics, algebra, or precalculus

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