

# Histotechnician Program

## Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

<http://www.cobleskill.edu/academics/lasschool/nas/histoprogram.asp>

Have you ever wondered....

- What happens to the tissue samples that doctors collect during surgery?
- How pathologists diagnose disease?
- How you can have a rewarding career helping others?

### *Perhaps you should becoming a histotechnician?*

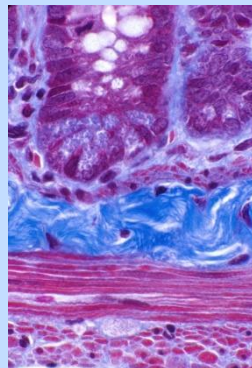
Histotechnicians are trained in the preparation and staining of tissues for microscopic examination and disease diagnosis by a pathologist. The tissue may be obtained from an operating room, clinic, doctors office, emergency room or a postmortem examination. Histotechnicians may also assist the pathologist in the preparation of frozen tissue sections which are used to provide rapid diagnosis while the patient is still undergoing surgery.

### *What are my employment opportunities?*

- The demand for trained Histotechnicians exceeds the supply
- Employment prospects in the field of Histotechnology are excellent
- Employers include hospital laboratories, county, state and federal laboratories, pharmaceutical companies, research laboratories, medical schools, industrial laboratories and others.
- Starting salaries generally range from a low of \$30,000 to a high of \$48,000

### *What future Career/Educational options are available with Histotechnology training?*

- Pathologist Assistant
- Immunohistochemistry Specialist
- Cytotechnology
- Forensic Medicine
- Medical or Veterinary School
- Bachelors degree in any science
- Medical or Veterinary Research



The Histotechnician Program is nationally Accredited by NAACLS, the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, 5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720 Rosemont, IL 60018-5119

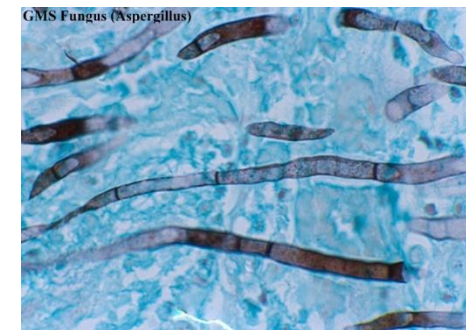
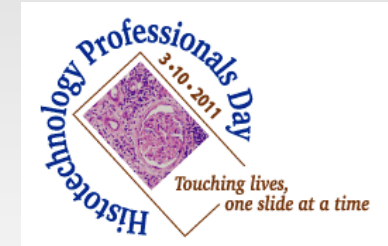


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### *Clinical Affiliate Hospitals*

- Albany Medical Center
- Albany Memorial Hospital
- Albany VA Hospital
- Champlain Valley Physicians hospital medical center
- Columbia Memorial hospital
- Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine
- Centrex Labs
- M.I. Bassett Hospital
- Northwest Pathology
- Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital
- St. Peter's Hospital
- SUNY Upstate Medical Center
- University Hospital @ Stony Brook
- UHS Wilson Medical Center
- University of Rochester Medical Center

All Students will complete a 400 hour clinical rotation at an Affiliate site. Graduates receive an A.A.S. degree with the Histotechnician option, and they are eligible for both National certification and NYS licensure.



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