

HISTOTECHNICIAN (0564)
Health Sciences Department
CERTIFICATE

The Histotechnician Certificate Program provides students with academic and practical training for job-entry skills in anatomic pathology. The program is approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and seeks accreditation with The National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 8410 West Byrn Mayer Avenue, Suite 670, Chicago, Illinois 60631, Phone (773) 714-8880, www.naacls.org. Completion of a NAACLS accredited Histotechnology certificate program will qualify the student to take their national board exams.

Histotechnician Certificate Program Admission

1. Admission to Darton State College
2. Prior college degree
3. Completion of high school or college Algebra, Chemistry, and Biology with a “C” or higher.
4. Applicants must have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5.
4. Program application required.*

Selection:

Once applicants meet the general admission criteria for the program, their completed folders are reviewed by the Education Coordinator. Students for the program are selected from the applicants according to the following criteria:

- Prior laboratory work experience/shadowed in a histotechnology laboratory
- GPA
- Professional recommendations
- Clinical facility (affiliation agreement in place-online only)
- Completed program application

Applicants with the highest point accumulation are selected until the class positions are filled. Class size is 20.

*Applications are available through the Educational Coordinator or in the Health Sciences office at Darton State College. Applications are also available from the program homepage at:

<http://www.darton.edu/HISTO>

Additional Requirements:

1. A minimum grade of a “C” in each professional Histotechnology course.
2. Students must have documented immunization to Hepatitis B.
3. Liability insurance is required upon enrollment in the program.
4. To satisfactorily complete the curriculum and to develop required skills the students must have:
 - a. Visual acuity (with or without corrective lenses) to observe and perform technical procedures; to identify and differentiate specimens, reagents and equipment; to read laboratory manuals, procedures, policies, specimen labels and materials pertinent to professional practice;
 - b. Physical ability to manipulate laboratory instruments and equipment in a manner consistent with operational procedures;
 - c. Manual dexterity to operate laboratory equipment and use tools in a manner consistent with operational guidelines.

Clinical Assignments:

The Darton State College program director or designated staff will arrange clinical assignments with the programs approved affiliates only. Students must be prepared to travel to the clinical training facility.