



USC University of Southern California

Cytotechnologist Job Description

JOB INFORMATION

Job Code:	187147
Job Title:	Cytotechnologist
FLSA Status:	Non-Exempt
Supervisory:	May oversee student, temporary and/or casual workers.
Job Family:	Clinical Laboratory Technology
Job Family Group:	Research and Clinical Support
Management Level:	7 Individual Contributor

JOB SUMMARY

Prepares and microscopically examines slides of human cell samplings for the presence of disease or other abnormality.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Req	Pref	Degree	Field of Study
X		Specialized/technical training	
	X	Bachelor's degree	

Additional Education

Check here if experience may substitute for some of the above education.

Combined experience/education as substitute for minimum education

Work Experience

Req	Pref	Work Experience	Experience Level
X		1 year	
	X	2 years	

Additional Work Experience

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Combined experience/education as substitute for minimum work experience

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Req	Pref	Functional Skills
X		Completion of recognized cytotechnology training program.
X		Experience working as a certified cytotechnologist.
	X	Supervisory-level experience working as a cytotechnologist.

Certifications

Req	Pref	Select Certifications	Enter Additional Certifications
X			California State Department of Health issued cytotechnologist license/certification

Other Job Factors

JOB ACCOUNTABILITIES

	% Time	Essential	Marginal	N/A
Conducts preliminary or screening microscopic examination of slides containing human cells for abnormal cells, hormonal responses, and various fungi, parasites, bacteria and viral changes.				
Identifies and marks abnormal cells and other atypia found on slides for final diagnosis by a pathologist.				
Conducts various preparation procedures to capture, stain, and mount on a slide cellular material from various body fluids, and prepares cell blocks from sediment obtained from centrifugation of exudates for histologic processing.				
Prepares and/or stains smears of sputum specimens, bronchial washings, gastric and pleural aspirations, peritoneal fluids, colonic washings and similar materials, and vaginal, cervical and endocervical samples.				
Assists clinicians, radiologists and pathologists in performing fine needle aspirations. Performs on-site adequacy evaluation of fine needle aspirations. Prepares smears, cell block and/or cytospin slides of fine needle aspirations.				
Maintains compliance with established University and department policies and procedures, quality assurance, safety, environmental, infection control and complies with requirements of accreditation and regulatory agencies.				

Other Requirements

Essential:	Emergency Response/Recovery	Essential:	Mandated Reporter
	In the event of an emergency, the employee holding this position is required to "report to duty" in accordance with the university's Emergency Operations Plan and/or the employee's department's emergency response and/or recovery plans. Familiarity with those plans and regular training to implement those plans is required. During or immediately following an emergency, the employee will be notified to assist in the emergency response efforts, and mobilize other staff members if needed.		A mandated reporter who in his or her professional capacity has knowledge of, or reasonably suspects a person who is under the age of 18 years, elderly, or a dependent adult has been the victim of abuse or neglect must report the suspected incident. The reporter must contact a designated agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone or in writing within 36 hours. By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a mandated reporter as required by state law and USC's policy at: https://policy.usc.edu/mandated-reporters/
	<i>Campus Security Authority (CSA)</i>		<i>Essential:</i>
	By virtue of the associated job duties, this position qualifies as a Campus Security Authority as required by law and USC's policy at: https://dps.usc.edu/alerts/clery/		No

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The above statements reflect the essential and non-essential functions as necessary to describe the principle contents of the job. They are not intended to be a complete statement of all work requirements or duties that may be required of the position. I understand that I may be asked to perform other duties as assigned. USC reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.

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I acknowledge receipt of this job description and its associated physical requirements. I have read and understand the job description and job requirements and agree to abide by their contents. I realize that duties may be requested of me that are not specifically stated herein. I understand that I will be expected to adjust to potential fluctuations in work volume. I understand that, if I have any questions about the essential functions or expectations of my position, my supervisor and/or HR

partner are available to discuss them with me.

Print Employee Name

Signature

Date

Print Manager Name

Signature

Date

This job description describes the general nature and level of work required by the position. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of qualifications, skills, duties, responsibilities or working conditions of the job. The job description is subject to change with or without notice, and Management reserves the right to add, modify or remove any qualification or duty. Nothing in this job description changes the existing at-will employment relationship between the university and the employee occupying the position.