

# HISTOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE VS A.A.S. DEGREE: HELPING YOU CHOOSE

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The Histological Technician programs provide training in the processing, staining, and microscopic examination of tissues such as biopsies, body organs, and autopsy specimens. The program options pair core knowledge with other coursework and clinical experiences to lead to a rewarding career with a meaningful impact in healthcare.

	<b>HISTOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN: CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>HISTOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN: A.A.S. DEGREE</b>
<b>WHO IS THIS DEGREE FOR?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed for students with a prior degree (associate or higher, in any discipline)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed for students without a degree</li> </ul>
<b>TIME TO COMPLETION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three semesters, starting in fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four semesters, starting in fall</li> </ul>
<b>CREDITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>33 total credits for program</li> <li>Part time schedule each term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 total credits for program</li> <li>Part-time or full-time schedule each term, depending on transfer credit</li> </ul>
<b>ROTATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First fall - two day preclinical</li> <li>Spring - four day preclinical</li> <li>Second fall - 320 hour practicum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First spring - two day preclinical</li> <li>Second fall - four day preclinical</li> <li>Second spring - 320 hour practicum</li> </ul>
<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDENTIALS</b>	<p>Graduates of either track are immediately eligible to apply for NYS licensure and are available for American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification (ASCP) certification after one year of hospital experience through the Route 2 pathway. SUNY Broome cannot guarantee that our program will meet licensure requirements in all states. Students outside of NY are encouraged to contact their state's regulating agency to determine if requirements will be met by the SUNY Broome program.</p>	

