

CYTOTECHNOLOGY

One-Year Program Leading to a Bachelor of Science in Cytotechnology

Required Prerequisite Courses for Application into Cytotechnology

Application for Fall 2025

COURSE TITLE	TCCNS COURSE NUMBER	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
English Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
<i>Mathematics Core</i> College Algebra or higher	MATH 1314	3
<i>Language, Philosophy and Culture Core</i> Courses in literature, philosophy, modern or classical language, cultural studies or equivalent		3
<i>Creative Arts Core</i> Courses in arts, dance, music appreciation, music, drama or equivalent		3
United States History I	HIST 1301	3
United States History II	HIST 1302	3
Federal Government	GOVT 2305	3
Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
<i>Social and Behavioral Science Core</i> Courses in anthropology, economics, psychology, sociology or equivalent		3
Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL 2401 or 2301+2101	4
Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL 2402 or 2302+2102	4
Biology I	BIOL 1406 or 1306+1106	4
Biology II	BIOL 1407 or 1307+1107	4
General Chemistry I	CHEM 1411 or 1311+ 1111	4
General Chemistry II	CHEM 1412 or 1312+ 1112	4
Microbiology or Medical Microbiology	BIOL 2421 or 2321+2121	4
<i>Elective Courses</i> You have the flexibility in completing any college-level course of your preference. Remedial-level, developmental-level or workforce courses will not be accepted.		32
Total number of semester credit hours		90
Applicants must also have a minimum of 18 semester credit hours of upper-division course work at the 3000 or 4000 level completed at an university.		

Applicants to the one-year program in Cytotechnology may apply for admissions when the majority of prerequisite courses are completed. The prerequisite courses may be taken at any regionally accredited college/university with a grade of C- or better. Courses are listed using the Texas Common Course Numbering System (tccns.org).

Admissions into the program is competitive. Learn more at mdanderson.org/SHPApply.



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. When do I turn in my admission application for Fall 2025?

The application will be available starting September 15, 2024. You should submit the application, transcripts of each college attended, essay and three professional recommendation forms before the priority deadline of April 1, 2025. To ensure documents are received before the priority deadline, it's recommended that you apply months before the deadline.

2. Can I apply for Spring or Summer admissions?

No. Students enter the Cytotechnology program once a year in the Fall semester.

3. I've not finished with all the prerequisite courses. Can I still apply for admission?

Yes, if the majority of the prerequisite courses are completed, you may apply for admission. The more prerequisite courses you have completed at the time of application, the better.

4. What factors are considered in the admission process?

Admissions to the program is competitive and holistic. This means that an admissions committee will look at all the factors below when admitting a student. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance.

- (1) A minimum of 2.50 in all three areas: Overall GPA, science GPA and prerequisite GPA
- (2) Number of completed prerequisite courses at the time of application
- (3) Essay (the essay prompt will appear on the online admission application)
- (4) Three Professional Recommendation Forms
- (5) Interview

5. When will I receive my admission decision?

Completed applications that meet all minimum admission factors will be contacted for an interview. An admissions decision will be completed near May 2025.

6. I was accepted for Fall 2025 to the Cytotechnology one-year track. Due to a few lacking prerequisite courses, I was accepted into the program conditionally. What is the deadline to complete my outstanding prerequisite courses?

You must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than August 2025. Our recommendation is to finish the course as soon as possible.

7. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can I apply for this program?

Yes, you can apply. Upon graduation you will earn a second bachelors degree.

8. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can you waive all the prerequisite courses?

No, despite holding a prior degree, prerequisite requirements cannot be waived. However, applicable courses from your prior degree may be used toward the prerequisite requirements.

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9. The prerequisite courses require a minimum of 18 semester credit hours of upper-division course work at a 3000 or 4000 level. What is an upper-division course?

If you attended a university, courses offered at a junior level or higher are considered upper-division.

Any course taken at a community college is not upper division.

10. Can I enroll in classes part-time?

No, enrollment is only offered full-time. View the courses you will complete during this program [here](#).

11. Where is the School located?

The School is located at 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030 inside MD Anderson's Main Building.

12. What is a clinical rotation?

As part of the learning process, you will complete approximately 480 hours of guided clinical rotation hours. Clinical rotations allow you to apply your knowledge gained from the classroom and labs to the real life medical setting.

13. When I graduate, what degree will I earn?

You will earn a bachelor of science degree from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

14. What does it mean to be board certified?

Upon graduation, you will have the opportunity to take a board of certification exam offered by the [American Society for Clinical Pathology](#). This is the gold standard in global certification for medical laboratory professions. Passing the certification exam can result in improved job prospects and higher salaries. You will be certified as a Cytotechnologist.