



DARTON COLLEGE

ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION

HISTOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM APPLICATION

2007-2008

Thank you for your interest in the Darton College Histotechnology Program. Included in this packet is an application for entrance into the Histotechnology Program as well as additional information about the program.

Histotechnicians are medical laboratory personnel who are trained to prepare microscopic slides from human and veterinary tissue samples. Histotechnicians work closely with pathologists and other doctorate level professionals in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinical laboratories, pharmaceutical research, coroner's offices and other independent laboratories. While patient care is a major force in the services we provide there is very little or no patient contact.

The job outlook looks quite bright as many established histotechnicians are closing in on retirement, the standards for certification are raised and the number of laboratory tests increases. Current entry level salaries are in the mid \$30,000 per year range.

The certificate and associate of applied science options present students with alternatives to acceptance into the Darton College Histotechnology program. Both programs are open to qualified applicants regardless of prior experience.

Selection is based on a number of factors which are outlined in this packet. Students will be evaluated and ranked according to these metrics. The Program Director and Educational Coordinator have the right to increase or decrease the number of students accepted in any given year based upon the fundamentals of the applicants.

Students interested in applying for admission into the Histotechnology Program must first be admitted to Darton College. This can be done online at www.darton.edu or through the mail, requires a \$20.00 non-refundable fee and the submission of transcripts of all prior academic coursework. Applications to the Darton College Histotechnology program must be received by June 30th for Fall matriculation and by October 31st for the Spring matriculating class.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Histotechnology Educational Coordinator in the Allied Health Division via the following methods:

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Sincerely,

Carl Sagasser, Educational Coordinator
Histotechnology Program

Nancy Beamon, Director
Histotechnology Program

Courses required

The following is the course sequence as outlined in the Darton College Catalog for both the Histotechnology Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degrees.

Course Number	Course	Credit hours
<i>Fall Semester Freshman</i>		
BIOL 1100k**	Human Anatomy and Physiology for Healthcare Professionals	4
CHEM 1211k	Principles of Chemistry I	4
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	U.S. History Through 1877 U.S. History After 1877	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
Elective	See Area E of the Core Curriculum	<u>3</u>
		20
<i>Spring Semester Freshman</i>		
CHEM 1212k	Principles of Chemistry II	4
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
COMM 1110 or COMM 2105	Public Speaking or Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
BIOL 1115k	Essentials of Microbiology	3
Area C Elective	See Area C of the Core Curriculum	3
Area G Elective	See Area G of the Core Curriculum	<u>1-2</u>
		18-19
<i>Fall Semester Sophomore</i>		
MLTS 1300*	Introduction to Histology	3
MLTS 1310*	Histology I	4
MLTS 1320*	Histology II	3
MLTS 1330*	Histology III	1
POLS 1101	American Government	3
Area G Elective	See Area G of the Core Curriculum	<u>1-2</u>
		15-16
<i>Spring Semester Sophomore</i>		
MLTS 1340*	Histology IV	5
MLTS 1350*	Histology V	2
MLTS 1360*	Histology VI	<u>1</u>
		8
	TOTAL	61-63

*Certificate option only

**Students pursuing a Bachelors degree may wish to take BIOL 1111 and 1112 in lieu of BIOL 1100k

Application for Admission
Darton College Histotechnology Program

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE HISTOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Prior to being considered for admission the Darton College Histotechnology Program a student must be admitted to Darton College. In addition the following requirements must be met:

1. The student must have exited any required learning support courses.
2. Complete courses in Biology, Chemistry and Algebra either in High School or College with a grade of “C” or better. Coursework in Biology would preferably be Anatomy or some related field. Acceptance of coursework will be at the discretion of the Educational Coordinator
3. **Completion and submission of all immunizations including Hepatitis B for all allied health programs****
4. **Completion of a physical examination form by a physician (form enclosed)****
5. **Completed Histotechnology program application****
6. **Applicants must submit two professional letters of recommendation****
7. Students completing the Associate of Applied Science degree in Histotechnology must meet all the above requirements plus complete a minimum of 35 hours of the general and science education courses before applying to the program.
8. **Submit all applicable transcripts from all high school and/or college coursework****

**** *Must be submitted at time of application***

Both the Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree options are eligible to sit for the National Board Exam.

Once an applicant meets the general admission criteria for the program and has submitted all the required paperwork, the student is then ranked among other applicants according to the following criteria:

1. Prior degree obtained
2. Prior laboratory work experience
3. GPA
4. Professional recommendations

**Darton College
Histotechnology Program
Physical Evaluation Form**

To be completed by physician/health care provider

I have examined _____ and find that she/he meets the following essential functions required for participation in the Darton College Histotechnology Program. The essentials are as follows:

Visual Acuity (with or without corrective lenses) sufficient to differentiate colors used as reaction indicators; to differentiate and identify specimens utilizing microscopic examination; to read laboratory manuals, procedures, policies, specimen labels, test requisitions and other materials pertinent to professional practice;

Physical Ability to manipulate clinical laboratory instruments and equipment in a manner consistent with operational procedures;

Manual Dexterity to perform procedures and operate equipment consistent with operational guidelines.

Physician/Health Care Provider

Date

Application checklist

Students applying to the Darton College Histotechnology program must submit certain documents to be considered for entrance into a class.

Submission of your application should include all of the following:

1. **Completed application form**
2. **All applicable transcripts**
 - copies are ok
 - high school transcripts may not be required if you have college credit for algebra, chemistry and biology
3. **Two letters of recommendation**
4. **Physical form**
5. **Immunization to Hepatitis B**
 - copy of verification of series

Admissions at Darton College will also ask for transcripts and immunization forms.

This is addition to the request for these documents by the Darton College Histotechnology program.

Placing a check next to each of these items completes your application. Now you are ready to submit all documentation to:

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Histotechnology program
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