

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2018
[2018*03]

Curriculum Program Title	Cytotechnology (Certificate)	Program Code	C45220
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	51.1002

Curriculum Description

Cytotechnology is an advanced allied health career which prepares the individual to use specialized equipment to study cells for detecting cancer, hormonal abnormalities, and other pathological disease processes. *Individuals entering this curriculum must have earned a Bachelor's degree with a concentration in the Biological Sciences.*

Course work includes entry-level knowledge and skills in cell collection and preparation and microscopic use to interpret specimens. Graduates work in conjunction with pathologists to perform special diagnostic procedures.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates receive a certificate in cytotechnology and may be eligible to take the National Registry Examination of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Cytotechnologists may find employment in hospital laboratories, universities, and private laboratories.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- I. **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. **Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. **Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE			57 SHC**
Required Courses:			
CYT 210 Introduction to Clinical Cytology	4 SHC		
CYT 212 Introduction to Cytological Techniques	4 SHC		
CYT 214 Gynecological Cytology	14 SHC		
CYT 216 Clinical and Diagnostic Interpretation I	4 SHC		
CYT 220 Non-Gynecological Cytology	12 SHC		
CYT 222 Cytopreparation Techniques	2 SHC		
CYT 224 Gynecological Cytological Clinical Practicum I	4 SHC		
CYT 226 Clinical and Diagnostic Interpretation II	4 SHC		
CYT 230 Non-Gynecological Cytological Clinical Practicum	2 SHC		
CYT 232 Clinical Cytology Practicum	1 SHC		
CYT 234 Gynecological Cytological Clinical Practicum II	3 SHC		
CYT 236 Cytology Literature Review	1 SHC		
CYT 238 Ancillary Studies in Cytopath.	2 SHC		
Required Subject Areas:			
None			
B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>)			NA
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS (<i>Not applicable</i>)			NA
D. OTHER REQUIRED HOURS (<i>Not applicable</i>)			NA

** This program is approved by the State Board of Community Colleges to exceed maximum standard hours for a certificate program. [ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0202(d)].