

Histotechnician

Toxicologic Pathology Associates, Inc (TPA) is seeking candidates for a Histotechnician position. TPA, an on-site contractor of the Food and Drug Administration, provides pathology and pathology-related services at the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) in Jefferson, Arkansas.

Positions are available for individuals who have an HT or HTL (ASCP) certification or Associates degree and minimum of 3 years' experience in a histology laboratory. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be accepted as a satisfactory substitute for certification or Associates degree.

The Histotechnician must possess considerable manual dexterity to be efficient and productive. Routine work can be tedious and repetitive. The Histotechnician will perform basic histology support functions to include processing, embedding, sectioning formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue samples and staining tissue specimens (including special stains) utilizing tissue processors, embedding centers, microtomes, and stainers. Desirable skills include critical thinking and methods development, previous experience with rodent tissue, organoid and membrane histology preparations, frozen tissue sectioning on a cryostat and glycol methacrylate embedding of formalin-fixed tissue and sectioning of plastic blocks with a sliding microtome.

Prepares and changes reagents and properly disposes chemical wastes; assists in training personnel as needed; completes detailed documentation; assists with maintenance of equipment; other duties as assigned.

Basic computer skills. Learn/know correct anatomic terms. Follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Good Laboratory Practices (GLPs), and department policies/procedures in the performance of all duties. Maintain safety through appropriate use of personal protective equipment and by observing safe work practices. Good attendance and punctuality are basic requirements of the position.

Other related laboratory duties may be requested at the direction of the laboratory supervisor. These duties benefit Pathology and are designed to give the Histotechnician an overall perspective of the flow of work through the Pathology laboratories. Requirements for the position include good hand and eye coordination; capable of reading, understanding, and following laboratory procedures; ability to work in a set environment; must have coordination, dexterity; adept at problem solving; work with high level of accuracy, ability to follow detailed instructions.

TPA provides a comprehensive benefits package to its employees and a competitive starting salary commensurate with experience, expertise and skill set. Employment of successful candidates will be contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory drug screening report, obtaining the necessary government security clearance and may be required to undergo physical

examination. Drug screening is provided by an off-site third party and is paid for by TPA. Interested candidates should submit their resume and contact information to kimberly.maynard@fda.hhs.gov.