

## PROGRAM INFORMATION - HTL

### **I HTL CURRICULUM**

#### **A 11 month curriculum**

- 1 4 months = Histology
- 2 2 months = EM, Immunology, Enzymes, Molecular Pathology
- 3 4 months = Rotations (Histology, IM, EM, BioBank, Mol. Path. Surg. Path, "Options" month)
- 4 Vacations (plus major holidays)
  - a Break Dec (2 wks) and May (1 wk)
  - b Thanksgiving + day after
  - c Major holidays in week
  - d Plus personal and sick time

#### **B Additional coursework**

- 1 Computer work
- 2 Management Techniques
- 3 Education Methodology
- 4 Research Techniques; Presentation of research
- 5 Preparing for HTL exam
- 6 State meetings (fund raising)
- 7 Community Service Work

#### **C Vs. HT curriculum**

- 1 Associate degree
- 2 7 month practicum: Histology, Surgical Pathology only, intro to Immunology, etc.

### **II REGISTRY EXAM**

#### **A HTL - American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)**

- 1 33 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60603
- 2 800-267-ASCP (2727)
- 3 <http://www.ascp.org>

#### **B Pass rate = 80% pass rate within first year**

#### **C Written = 150 multiple choice questions**

### **III NAACLS-accredited Program**

**A** National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

**B** 5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720

**C** Rosemont, IL 60018

**D** 773-714-8880

**E** <http://www.naacls.org>

### **IV INFO ABOUT PRACTICUM**

#### **A Time**

- 1 7 hours/day, Monday - Friday (usually 8:30-3:30 pm – may change) + online lectures, study time, transportation, etc.
- 2 Start Aug thru June
- 3 Need time to study, do assignments, exams every other week
- 4 Outside job = not recommended

#### **B Finances**

- 1 Fees
  - a Affiliate college = pay college for credits, WBH receives part
  - b Unaffiliated college with BA/BS = \$5000, no college credit
    - 1 Can pay an affiliate college, if would like college credit for this
- 2 Additional costs to students
  - a Books (~\$400, ordered online)
  - b Lab shoes, white lab coats, scrubs
  - c Transportation, meals, living expenses
- 3 Scholarship Awards
  - a May be available during year from professional organizations (\$500-1000)
- 4 Loan – none from WBH; can try to defer college loans
- 5 Contingent work at hospital/department

6 Volunteer work in department = summer +

### C Additional benefits to students

- 1 BH pays for physical before begin (including chest x-ray, blood and urinalysis, drug and alcohol screening, vaccinations (including hepatitis B if chose)). COVID and Flu vaccinations are required by BH.
- 2 BH does **not** cover cost if injured “on job”
- 3 BH has not student health plans – must provide personal coverage and show proof.
- 4 Can buy many medications and OTC drugs at employee prices. Free flu shot.
- 5 BH covers your professional liability
- 6 If hired by BH, can take vacation time as soon as pass 90 day probation; start at a higher rung on pay scale; no stop in medical benefits; get certification exam costs reimbursed, once pass

### D Dress code

- 1 Must wear Pewter Gray scrubs
- 2 Must wear white/black shoes, covered toes, enclosed heel; all leather or plastic; no holes/straps; must wear socks/nylons
- 3 Will be provided with disposable lab coats; must buy white lab coats on own

### E Exams

- 1 About every other week - written and/or practical
  - a Fail 2x max; Must pass make-up
- 2 Competency based program
- 3 Must successfully complete ALL portions of program to receive grade and graduate

from program (receive certificate and allowed to take national exam)

### V JOB

#### A Hazards

- 1 Biohazards; Chemical Hazards
- 2 Physical Hazards; Sharps Hazards

#### B Job market

- 1 Vacancy
- 2 Wages
- 3 HT vs. HTL
- 4 Michigan vs. U.S.

### VI MISC.

#### A Advantages

- 1 Mon-Fri, Days = usually
- 2 Low incidence BBP
- 3 Varied work; moving
- 4 Part-time available
- 5 Can earn MHA or MBA, PA, PhD, MD/DO

#### B Disadvantages

- 1 Lower pay than many other lab professionals
- 2 Size of hospital/Dr. Office
- 3 Repetitious/Boring at times

#### C Either

- 1 Do not work with patients

#### D Essential Functions/Technical Standards

### VII OFFICIALS

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