Admissions Guidelines

Minimum requirements to apply to the Histotechnician program:

1. **CCRI application** – Complete and submit a CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be first choice; HSTO should be second choice.

2. **High school transcript** – Send an official copy of a high school transcript or GED, including date of graduation, must be provided. If the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, the high school transcript may be waived; college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.

3. **Placement testing** – Complete a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI’s Department of Advising and Counseling. Students may NOT retake the ACCUPLACER test before completing the remedial course/courses. 
   - **Reading comprehension test** must show competency of 80 or above or students must complete ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of “B-” or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.

4. **Complete courses required for admission with a grade of “C” or better:**
   - BIOL 1010: Human Anatomy
   - CHEM 1030: General Chemistry I or permission of the department

5. **GPA** – A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.

6. **Aptitude Examination** – Take the PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination administered through Advising and Counseling. The exam may be taken no more than three times (see psbtests.com.)

7. **Health Sciences application** – Complete and submit a performance-based Health Sciences application including a preadmission degree evaluation during the open enrollment period.

Submission of a performance-based Health Sciences application does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Acceptance is based on points earned as listed in the program acceptance criteria point system (see reverse or www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs). At the time of admission, students must meet the current admission requirements. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a performance-based Health Sciences application and meet the current admission requirements. Once accepted, students must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Allied Health Department.

8. **Background Check** – Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services.

Policies for the Clinical Laboratory Technology program after acceptance:
- Applicants must have a physical examination and the required immunizations completed prior to completion of HSTO 1320: Histotechnology II.
- Students also must have a current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider level) obtained through an AHA recognized community training center (Course is also available at CCRI – HEAL 0200) must be documented prior to the completion of HSTO 1320: Histotechnology II.

Please note: Requirements are subject to change.

For more information: www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.html
- Office of Enrollment Services, Liston Campus: Michael Hynes, 401-455-6104, mhynes@ccri.edu
- If more specific information is needed, contact Maddie Josephs, Histotechnician program director, at 401-333-7418 or mjosephs@ccri.edu.
The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the Histotechnician program. A point system, based on the admissions guidelines, has been assigned to the performance criteria.

The criteria for the incoming Fall 2014 class will include:

- GPA in prerequisite courses
- Grades in BIOL 1010 and CHEM 1030
- ACCUPLACER reading score/degree completion
- PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Test (academic aptitude and information in the Natural Sciences)
- Tie breaker: Earliest completion of preadmission courses

1. **Prerequisite GPA for prerequisite courses** X 10
   
   Example: 3.67 GPA X 10 = 36.7 points
   
   Maximum points = 40

2. **Grades in the following prerequisite admission courses using the scale below:**
   
   A = 10 points  B+ = 7 points  C+ = 2 points
   
   A- = 8 points  B = 5 points  C = 1 points
   
   B- = 3 points

   Grade in BIOL 1010  Maximum points = 10
   Grade in CHEM 1030  Maximum points = 10

3. **ACCUPLACER reading comprehension test score**

   ACCUPLACER score of 90 or better  10
   
   or
   
   A bachelor's degree  10
   
   or
   
   A grade of "A" in ENGL 0890  10

   **ACCUPLACER test may be taken no more than three times.**
   
   Maximum points = 10

4. **PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam** (Academic aptitude total)

   Percentile score X .25
   
   Example: 72 percentile score X .25 = 18
   
   Maximum points = 25

5. **PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam** (Information in the Natural Sciences)

   Percentile score X .05
   
   Example: 85 percentile score X .05 = 4.25
   
   **PSB aptitude test may be taken no more than three times.**
   
   Maximum points = 5

   Maximum Point Total = 100

   **Tie breaker:** Earliest completion date of preadmission course.

   **Credits granted through AP, CLEP, challenge exams or assessment of prior learning will be recognized as satisfying course requirements and will be assigned points equivalent to a grade of "B".**