

An individual must meet the qualifications/pre-requisites for entrance into the program prior to applying for Mercy Scholars.

After being accepted into a specified program, it is then the individual's responsibility to notify Human Resources of their interest in applying for Mercy Scholars.

As part of the selection process for Mercy Scholars, an application, acceptance letter into desired program from the college, previous official transcripts, & references are required. In addition, applicants must complete a job shadow experience, & assessment tool. Once all are completed an interview will be scheduled.

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**Histotechnician:** Performs tissue processing, microtomy, staining, and coverslipping. Assists Pathologist/Pathologist's Assistant with frozen sections, surgical specimen gross dissection and post-mortem examinations. Accepts and accessions pathology specimens using laboratory computer system. Assists the Pathologist/Pathologist's Assistant with frozen section examinations, surgical specimen gross dissection and post-mortem examinations. Operates, calibrates and troubleshoots instrumentation. Maintains accurate service and preventive maintenance record. Performs microtomy and coverslipping of specimens. Performs routine, special and immunohistochemistry stains requested by the Pathologist. Performs and documents quality control testing. Files autopsy and pathology specimen blocks and slides. Maintains an appropriate inventory of supplies in the area. Prepares reagents according to procedure. Participates in the orientation of histology personnel and students. Participates in quality improvement activities. Medical assistant certificate or equivalent is required.

For a complete list of Histotechnology Programs and their requirements, contact the National Society for Histotechnology at [www.nsh.org/](http://www.nsh.org/) (click on "Education" and then click on "schools").

**A Mercy Scholars applicant can choose any college they would like to, in order to, obtain this particular degree.**

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