

### Find Your Dream Job (100 Points)

Let's find your dream job! You will do research to find your dream job in the health field and what type of education and skills you will need to get this job. The purpose of this activity is to help you gain a better understanding of how your intended major, future education goals, and skills need to be applied to the career you want. **You will need to download your completed assignment as a PDF and add it to your ePortfolio under the "Dream Job" section in Assignments.**

1. To get started, complete the following quiz:

<https://advance.appily.com/careers/healthcare/quiz>

- What were your results?

Scientist.

- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?

The response did not surprise me, as I have already settled on lab work being the best fit for me.

2. Find at least 3 job postings that you would be interested in applying to that requires the degree you are currently pursuing or a degree you're interested in pursuing. Examples of where to search: Indeed.com, LinkedIn, USA Jobs, Glassdoor, or just Google the job you want to find! Copy and paste the job postings below. Answer the questions under each link in complete sentences.

- Job 1 Link:

<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Entry-Level-Medical-Laboratory-Scientist-Salary-in-Norfolk,VA>

- Identify the salary range: \$41k-90k (Oh how I wish jobs were required to list their salaries on the listing)

- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?

This is an entry level position, so the only experience required is however much experience you have from getting a degree and getting certified.

- What degrees, certifications or training is required?

Bachelor's degree in chemical, physical or biological science or Medical Laboratory Science OR Associates degree in medical technology  
ASCP(American Society for Clinical Pathology) or AMT(American Medical Technologists) certification; or be eligible for certification

- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?

Communication, Knowledge of Science, it's very vague

- Job 2 Link: <https://www.chkdcareers.org/jobs/1821696-medical-lab-technician>
- Identify the salary range: \$23–\$32 an hour (had to search google)
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
Completed education, possibly 3-6 months of work experience
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?  
BMLS (Assuming, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science), ASCP certification required, CPR training within 45 days of hire
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?  
Knowledge usually acquired in completing a two year MLS program, interpersonal skills, analytical skills
- Job 3 Link:  
[https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs-search?search=cytotechnologist&location=Virginia&refine\\_by\\_location\\_type=&days=&refine\\_by\\_employment=employment\\_type%3Aall&refine\\_by\\_salary=&refine\\_by\\_salary\\_ceil=&lvk=us28iV63Ilqra01l3OKFcw.-NZ6nkQh9g](https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs-search?search=cytotechnologist&location=Virginia&refine_by_location_type=&days=&refine_by_employment=employment_type%3Aall&refine_by_salary=&refine_by_salary_ceil=&lvk=us28iV63Ilqra01l3OKFcw.-NZ6nkQh9g)
- Identify the salary range: \$68k-\$113k annually (Estimated using data, not listed on posting)
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
Unspecified
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?  
Cytotechnology Bachelor Degree from an accredited college or university (ie, ODU), ASCP CT certification (can be gotten by successfully completing the ODU Cytology Program), unlisted amount of on-site training
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?

Not listed, assumed to include the knowledge of different cells, and a knowledge on how to identify abnormal cells to report.

**Reflection:** From the 3 job postings you found, choose one job you want the most. Why does this job appeal to you the most? What skills do you already possess that would help you to get this job? Identify skills you are still building or need more experience performing. Discuss options to sharpen or learn the skills you will need to gain.

I would choose the job in Cytology, due to the fact that it has to do with cells and identifying when they are not healthy. This is something that is incredibly important to me, due to multiple past experiences, including losing a friend. I do not currently possess most of the required knowledge for a job in this field, but I am currently working to be able to get into ODU's Cytology program in order to develop and learn them. Despite not having much experience in the required skills, learning about cells and different things that could cause them to be harmful intrigues me.