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- **Anatomical pathology** [1]

Anatomical pathology is the processing, examination, and diagnosis of surgical specimens in hospital and public mortuaries.

Training and qualifications required

The main entry point into this area of work is currently with 5 GCSEs at A-C, including English, maths and a science - ideally biology - (or equivalent level-2 qualification) for a post as a trainee anatomical pathology technologist. You'll work towards a level-3 Diploma in Anatomical Pathology Technology.

Expected working hours and salary range

Anatomical pathology technologists will usually work a standard 37.5 hours per week. In the NHS, salaries range from bands 3 to 5. Terms and conditions may vary outside the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

Effective verbal and written communication skills, confidence with technology and processes, ability to work as part of a team and a confident and sympathetic approach.

Prospects

More senior roles within the mortuary. There may be the opportunity to apply for posts elsewhere in pathology services.

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science/roles-healthcare-science/life-sciences/anatomical-pathology [2] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/Explore-roles/healthcare-science/roles-healthcare-science/life-sciences/biomedical-science [3] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science/roles-healthcare-science/life-sciences/infection-sciences [4] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/operating-department-practitioner [5] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/health-informatics/roles-health-informatics/knowledge-and-library-services