

ASSOCIATE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves coordinating the investigation into unnatural and unexplained deaths in the County and assists in the training of professional and technical staff. This is a highly skilled professional/administrative position requiring an exceptional degree of competence and professional ethics. Work is performed under the general direction of the Chief Medical Examiner with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment. Supervision is exercised over a number of professional, technical and clerical staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

In conjunction with the Chief Medical Examiner, or in his absence, investigates all facts concerned with unnatural and unexplained deaths within the county;
Performs post-mortem examinations including autopsies, scene investigations, and ancillary tests to render an expert opinion as to the cause and manner of death;
Renders expert medical testimony before grand juries, and civil, criminal, and compensation courts;
Participates in supervising the activities of the professional and technical staff;
Participates in the training of attendant professional and technical staff and performs related functions;
Participates in case conferences and quality assurance meetings, case reviews, child fatality meetings and audits;
Directs and participates in various research projects in the field of forensic pathology and keeps current in the field.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices, procedures, and terminology of general pathological medicine; comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices, procedures, and terminology in the specialized field of forensic pathology including the ability to perform comprehensive post-mortem examinations, ability preparing and maintaining records and reports; ability to give expert court testimony; ability to maintain a high degree of professional ethics; sound professional judgment; initiative; tact; resourcefulness; industry; dependability; physically capable of performing the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from a recognized school of medicine, and a license to practice medicine in New York State, plus:
Four (4) years of supervised training in an accredited Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency or three (3) years of supervised training in an accredited Anatomic Pathology residency in an institution approved by the American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must possess and maintain a valid New York State motor vehicle license and have automotive transportation available for use.
Board eligibility or certification by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic Pathology/Clinical Pathology/Forensic Pathology (AP/CP/FP) or Anatomic Pathology/Forensic Pathology (AP/FP)