

CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Plans, directs and supervises all aspects of a complete forensic pathology service for the County; performs related duties as required. Under the administrative direction of the director of the County Laboratory, supervises and directs all activities of the technical and professional personnel within the division of forensic pathology. This is an important professional position requiring an exceptional degree of competence, tact, and professional ethics.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Investigates all facts concerned with unnatural deaths within the County;
Renders expert medical testimony before grand juries, and civil, criminal, and compensation courts;
Plans, directs, and participates in various research projects in the field of forensic pathology, and keeps current in the field;
Assigns and supervises the activities of the professional and technical staff;
Assists staff on more difficult post-mortem examinations and diagnosis
Directs and participates in the instruction of subordinate staff;
Participates in autopsies outside the forensic laboratory;
Participates in the training of attendant professional and technical staff and performs related functions.

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; thorough knowledge of the techniques of administration of a comprehensive forensic laboratory; ability to direct and participate in specialized research in the field of forensic pathology; ability to perform complicated autopsies and post-mortem examinations; ability to give expert medical court testimony; ability to maintain complete records and prepare comprehensive detailed reports; ability to supervise professional and technical personnel; ability to maintain a high degree of professional ethics; ability to interact with the media when required; ability to manage grant related activities; sound professional judgment; initiative; tact; resourcefulness; industry; dependability; good health

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from a recognized school of medicine and license to practice medicine in New York State plus:

1. Certification by the American Board of Pathology and one (1) year of supervised training in forensic pathology in an institution approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association; and;
2. Four (4) years of experience as a qualified pathologist of which two (2) years will be in the specialized field of forensic pathology.