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***Higher salary range available upon board certification and years of post training.**

6	(\$186,000-\$221,096)
6b	(\$195,087-\$230,182)
6c	(\$200,680-\$235,774)

JOB SUMMARY

This position is located in the District of Columbia, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME). The mission of the OCME is to investigate all deaths in the District of Columbia that occur as the result of violence (injury), as well as those that occur unexpectedly, without medical attention, in custody or pose a threat to public health. The position is a forensic medicine sub-specialty performing postmortem investigations necessary to determine cause and manner of death.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Investigates the circumstances of deaths in the District of Columbia that occur suddenly, unexpectedly or by violence, including homicides, suicides or accidents; of persons whose bodies are to be cremated, or otherwise disposed of so as to be thereafter unavailable for examination; relating to disease which might constitute a threat to public health; including deaths resulting from all types of terrorists activities; and all custodial deaths. Certifies the cause of death and the manner of death; performs acceptable postmortem examinations including autopsies; and completes a written report which is to be completed in accordance with regulatory guidelines.

Incumbent assembles case materials to include all reports, diagrams, charts, photographs and for evidentiary and confirmatory purposes to document the cause and manner of death.

The incumbent handles cases reported during evening and night hours and makes decisions regarding jurisdiction and responds to death scenes as needed on a rotational basis.

The incumbent provides testimony in U.S. District and Federal Courts, Circuit Courts in neighboring jurisdictions as needed. Handles special projects as defined by the Chief or Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. Implements infection control and surveillance.

Evaluates gross examination and circumstantial data to assess possible injury or diseased areas; plans and performs sectioning of tissues; performs general sectioning survey in nebulous but suspect cases; examines tissue using a light microscope; notes tissue and cellular abnormalities; completes diagrams and prepares written reports detailing the nature and extent of injury or pathology; makes final pathologic diagnosis; discusses final pathologic diagnoses and interpretation of cases with forensic pathologists and toxicologists.

Participates in various pathology conferences such as: Neuropathology Conference, Case Consensus Meeting, and Toxicology Rounds. Provides training to residents, medical students, in forensic neuropathology; discusses principles, theories, and various techniques of neuropathology; conducts special seminars and in-services for medical students and residents; explaining the more subtle nuances of neuropathology; participates in the design and delivery of other educational programs initiated by the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner/Medical Director. Provides relative lectures, presentations, and in participates in forensic pathology symposia and conferences.

Researches current literature regarding the principles, practices, and current developments in neuropathology and forensic pathology in general. Handles special projects as defined the Chief Medical Examiner or Deputy Chief Medical Examiner/Medical Director.

Assists in the formulation of standard operating procedures for the forensic pathology unit; participates in the agency's infection control and surveillance program.

Provides court testimony in U.S. District and Federal Courts, Circuit Courts in neighboring jurisdictions as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Applicants must have a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy from a school in the United States or Canada approved by a recognized accrediting body in the year of the applicant's graduation. [A Doctor of Medicine or equivalent degree from a foreign medical school that provided education and medical knowledge substantially equivalent to accredited schools in the United States may be demonstrated by permanent certification by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) (or a fifth pathway certificate for Americans who completed premedical education in the United States and graduate education in a foreign country).

AND

Subsequent to obtaining a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy degree, applicants must have successfully completed a graduate medical education program in pathology or a pathology subspecialty accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). For purposes of this standard, graduate training programs include only those resident or fellowship programs that are approved by accrediting bodies recognized within the United States or Canada. Listings of accredited programs are published yearly in the Directory of Residency Training Programs and the Yearbook and Directory of Osteopathic Physicians.

AND

In addition, applicants must demonstrate at least one (1) year of specialized experience at or equivalent to the next lower grade level or pay band in the District of Columbia government service or equivalent experience in the private or public sector.

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

Incumbent must have current permanent and unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the District of Columbia at the time of start.

The incumbent must be certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology or be eligible for such certification at the time of hire.

The incumbent must have proof of completion of forensic pathology fellowship training from a forensic pathology program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) at the time of start AND be board certified or board eligible for Anatomic and Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology at the time of start.

Incumbent must be board certified in both anatomic and Forensic Pathology within two years of hire. (Preferred)

WORKING CONDITIONS/ENVIRONMENT

The work is performed primarily at the OCME in an office and/or laboratory. Work is also performed in the courtroom and at death scenes throughout the District of Columbia.

Vaccination Requirement

The Government of the District of Columbia values the safety of our employees, our residents, and our visitors. In support of these values, if you are selected for this job you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, except when vaccination is not medically advised or violates your sincerely held religious beliefs. If you are invited to join our team, you must submit proof that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to your initial HR representative, or you must request an exemption from your representative. New employees must either provide proof of vaccination or be granted a medical or religious exemption before working with the Government of the District of Columbia.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL

None.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS

Sensitivity Level

This position will be subject to enhance suitability screening (*Security*) pursuant to DPM Chapter 4, *Suitability*-.

Essential and Emergency Employee

This position is designated as *essential* (DPM Chapter 12), required to report to work and remain in the event of inclement weather, a declared emergency or government closing.

The position is included in the Mass Fatality Plan of the OCME and the incumbent will be called upon to perform duties should circumstances arise that require the plan to be activated.

The position may require background and security clearance prior to appointment.

Tour of Duty: The incumbent works on a variable rotating schedule.

Promotion Potential: No known promotion potential

Collective Bargaining Unit: This position is in the collective bargaining unit .

Position Designation: This position has been designated as security sensitive therefore the incumbent of this position will be subject to enhanced suitability screening pursuant to Chapter 4 of DC Personnel Regulations, Suitability and as such, incumbents of this position shall be subject to criminal background checks, background investigations, and mandatory drug and alcohol testing, as applicable.

If the position you are applying for is in the Career, Management Supervisory, or Educational Service at an annual salary of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) or more, you must establish residency in the District of Columbia within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the appointment and continue to maintain residency within the District of Columbia throughout the duration of the appointment.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The District of Columbia Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer: all qualified candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, disability. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination, which is also prohibited. In addition, harassment based on any of the above-protected categories is prohibited.

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