

ASSOCIATE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

IOWA OFFICE OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER (IOSME)

Starting Salary: \$275,000

Benefits: Full Medical and Dental insurance, Pension (Iowa Public Employee's Retirement System), 9 paid Holidays, accrued paid Vacation and Sick time and generous moving expenses package.

The successful candidate will join a team of 6 board-certified forensic full time pathologists and 8 part time forensic pathologists in an office with a history of stability within the state. The office enjoys an atmosphere of collegiate professionals, a strong administration, competent and friendly support staff and NAME accreditation.

The IOSME is in Ankeny, Iowa, located 13 miles north of Des Moines, and services the entire state as the consultation and administrative headquarters of a state medical examiner system. The facility was built in 2005, and is in the construction phase of a \$36 million expansion (ground breaking in March 2026), doubling the size of the autopsy suite including state of the art ergonomically designed stations and a CT scanner.

The IOSME provides consultation and autopsy services to Iowa's 99 county medical examiner offices. The office performed 1,885 autopsies in 2025. Night and weekend call volume is divided equally between the board-certified forensic pathologists. The number of night time calls typically is low, as county medical examiner offices perform scene visits and a majority of disposition decisions. Pathologists are typically scheduled to be in the autopsy suite 5 to 7 days a month. Investigative support is excellent, with historical and photographic scene documentation performed at the county level. Complicated cases also benefit from support by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and consultations in Anthropology, Neuropathology, Odontology and Entomology.

Pathologists also have many opportunities to teach, both didactically and in the laboratory, with ongoing programs that include county medical examiner and law enforcement guidance as well as medical student and pathology resident education.

QUALIFICATIONS

Medical Doctor (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) required with a Fellowship in Forensic Pathology.

Board certification or eligibility by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology, and licensure to practice medicine in the state of Iowa.

JOB DUTIES

Responsibilities include performing forensic autopsies,
Certifying death certificates and cremation permits,
Providing expert testimony in depositions and trials,
Providing consultation to county medical examiners and
Investigators,
Providing lectures and teaching to medical
students, county medical examiner personnel, law enforcement
agencies and attorneys.

BENEFITS

State of Iowa employee benefits includes:

- Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)
- Retirement Investors Club (RIC) (Employer Sponsored Retirement Plan)
- Health, Dental and Vision Insurance
- Vacation Leave
- Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays (9 days/year)
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Life Insurance
- Long-Term Disability Insurance

For detailed information please visit our website at <https://das.iowa.gov/human-resources/employee-and-retiree-benefits/employees>

Community

The Des Moines metro is a great place to live and work, where you will find very affordable housing, easy short commutes and excellent schools. Downtown Des Moines has a broad range of high quality restaurants, a performing arts center with first run traveling Broadway shows and concerts and a triple A affiliate baseball team of the Chicago Cubs. The Des Moines metro has over 800 miles of connected bike trails and two major rivers and multiple lakes for water recreation activities.

The Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner is located on the campus of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) in Ankeny, a suburb of Des Moines. Des Moines is a growing metro in the Midwest that has the culture without the cost. Art without the attitude. Travel without the traffic. Walkable without the worry. Des Moines is a clean, safe, inclusive and fun destination that is ready to welcome you. Des Moines is just 2 hours away from Omaha, 3 hours from Kansas City and 3 1/2 hours away from Minneapolis.





TO APPLY please send your resume and cover letter to Dennis Klein, M.D., State Medical Examiner, at dennis.klein@hhs.iowa.gov

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