



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER

The City of Philadelphia is seeking a qualified applicant to join our group of forensic pathologists in the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office (PMEO).

Responsibilities:

Housed in newly built facilities, the PMEO handles approximately 1600 autopsies per year. The PMEO has an in-house toxicology laboratory and ready access to consultants in neuropathology, pediatric pathology, anthropology, radiology, and odontology.

Job duties include:

- Reviewing reports of deaths received from hospitals, private physicians, and police and determining jurisdiction of cases
- Determining the need and extent of postmortem examination
- Directing the activities of autopsy technicians in preparing bodies for autopsy
- Performing autopsies and obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis
- Examining wounds on decedents
- Directing the photographing of the body prior to, during and subsequent to the postmortem examination
- Making microscopic examinations of specimens
- Determining the cause and manner of death
- Preparing reports of findings
- Reviewing current literature in the field as necessary to assist in formulating decisions
- Testifying in court as an expert witness

Pathologists in our office do not routinely respond to death scenes but may do so in very unusual cases.

Qualifications:

Graduation from an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy with a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy

Board certification by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic Pathology or Anatomic and Clinical Pathology; or a minimum of 5 years of experience in forensic pathology

Board certification by the American Board of Pathology in Forensic Pathology entitles the

successful applicant to a salary increase (see “Compensation” below).

Current trainees in forensic pathology fellowships are encouraged to apply (note: applicants who are current trainees still must meet the above certification requirements).

A Pennsylvania medical license is not necessary at the time of application; however, possession of a valid Pennsylvania medical license is required prior to appointment.

Compensation:

Salary with FP board certification: \$293,489

Salary with AP or AP/CP board certification, or with 5 years’ experience in forensic pathology (no FP board certification): \$274,289

Compensation also includes access to the City’s health, dental, and vision insurance plans; enrollment in the city’s pension plan; and optional enrollment in the city’s deferred compensation program.

Additional information:

Philadelphia is a dynamic city of 1.5 million people. In addition to having its own vibrant food and cultural scene, there is easy access to New York City, Baltimore, Washington DC, and the shore communities of New Jersey and Delaware.

The City of Philadelphia’s residency requirement is waived for this position. Current and past pathologists with our office have lived in the City of Philadelphia, the surrounding "collar" counties of southeastern Pennsylvania, and in New Jersey and Delaware.

Pathologists may engage in private consultation work outside of work hours, subject to approval and in accordance with the City’s ethics rules.

The position is not eligible for paid overtime, but compensatory leave time is earned for all hours worked in excess of 8 hours in a work day and for all hours worked on weekends and city holidays.

This position is represented by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), District Council 47, Local 2187.

For more information:

Contact Dr. Lindsay Simon, Chief Medical Examiner, at lindsay.simon@phila.gov. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.