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IMMEDIATE OPENING

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Join an accredited Medical Examiner's Office serving one of the nation's highest-ranking counties for health, livability and public service excellence, all within the vibrant Kansas City metropolitan area.



Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office



Lenexa, KS Public Market



Lexington Lake Park, DeSoto, KS

Johnson County, Kansas Government is seeking a board-certified or board-eligible forensic pathologist to serve as Deputy Medical Examiner/Deputy Coroner, second in command to the Chief Medical Examiner. This is a leadership opportunity in an accredited Medical Examiner's Office located in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

A MODERN, WELL-SUPPORTED PRACTICE

The Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office in Olathe, Kansas, has operated in a purpose-built, 33,000 square foot facility since August 2020.

Our office features:

- On-site CT scanner
- Lodox full-body digital X-ray
- Three forensic autopsy physicians assisting in the morgue
- Expanding in-house toxicology (launching late 2027)
- Modern autopsy suites designed for efficiency and safety

2025 Office Statistics:

- 586 jurisdictional deaths
- 234 complete or partial autopsies
- 216 external examinations
- 68 additional examinations performed for a partnering county

This structure supports manageable caseloads while maintaining high investigative standards.

A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITH IMPACT

As Deputy Medical Examiner, you will:

- Perform forensic autopsies and external examinations
- Participate in scene investigations
- Provide expert courtroom testimony
- Supervise forensic autopsy technicians
- Support accreditation and quality improvement initiatives
- Help guide the expansion of in-house toxicology services
- Assist with administrative and operational leadership

COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION & MENTORSHIP

In 2025, our office hosted 20 interns, including:

- Medical students
- Pathology assistant students
- Students from various academic levels

Candidates with experience training fellows, residents and medical students, and those with scholarly interests, are encouraged to apply.

WHY JOHNSON COUNTY?

Johnson County, Kansas, home to more than 620,000 residents, is located in northeast Kansas within the thriving Kansas City metropolitan area (2.3+ million residents). Our community combines professional opportunity with exceptional quality of life, making it an ideal place to build both a career and a home.

Johnson County has been nationally recognized as one of the best places to live and work, and in 2025, Johnson County Government was ranked No. 245 on Forbes' list of America's Best Midsize Employers, reflecting a strong commitment to workplace culture, professional development and employee engagement.

Johnson County is known for:

- Six nationally recognized public school districts
- Multiple colleges and universities within the county and metro area
- Award-winning parks, lakes and over 400 miles of trails
- Extensive green space and outdoor recreation, including dog parks and nature preserves
- Highly rated public library systems
- Safe, welcoming neighborhoods
- Short commute times

Residents enjoy an affordable cost of living compared to coastal metropolitan areas, allowing for a high quality of life without sacrificing career opportunity.

Living in Johnson County means enjoying the best of both suburban comfort and metropolitan energy. The Kansas City region offers:

- Professional sports: Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals, Sporting KC and KC Current
- A nationally recognized culinary and barbecue scene
- Museums, performing arts venues and live music
- A growing downtown and entertainment districts
- Kansas City International Airport with convenient national connections

Here, you can practice high-quality forensic medicine in a supportive, well-resourced office, while enjoying the cultural amenities of a major metropolitan area and the balance of Midwestern livability.



Kansas City skyline



Indian Creek Trail in Johnson County, KS

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Requirements

- MD or DO
- Completion of AP or AP/CP residency
- Completion of an accredited Forensic Pathology fellowship
- Board certified in Anatomic Pathology (or AP/CP)
- Board certified or board eligible in Forensic Pathology
 - Board-eligible candidates must obtain certification within one year
- Kansas medical license (or ability to obtain prior to start date)

Preferred

- Two years of leadership or supervisory experience
- Experience training forensic fellows and pathology residents in autopsy pathology, as well as experience teaching medical students
- Evidence of scholarly productivity

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

- Salary range: \$230,000 – \$281,520
- Full-time (40 hours/week)
- Comprehensive county benefits package
- Leadership development opportunities

All offers are contingent upon successful completion of a background check, drug screen and a valid driver's license. Johnson County is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access Employer.

APPLY TODAY

Apply online:

<https://careers-jocogov.icims.com>

Department Website:

<https://www.jocogov.org/department/medical-examiner>

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