

Forensic Assistant

City and County of Denver – Department of Public Health & Environment / Office of the Medical Examiner

Location: 500 Quivas St. Denver, Colorado 80204

Salary

\$22.01 – \$33.02 per hour (commensurate with education and experience).

Starting Date

Position open until filled; anticipated start date upon completion of hiring process.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted until **September 19, 2025, at 11:59 PM.**

[Apply For Forensic Assistant – Department of Public Health / Office of the Medical Examiner - City and County of Denver](#)

Position Summary

The Office of the Medical Examiner (OME), within the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE), investigates violent, suspicious, and unexpected natural deaths within the City and County of Denver.

The Forensic Assistant plays a key role in decedent transportation, autopsy support, and daily morgue operations. This position involves both technical and physically demanding work in the morgue and field environments, often requiring professionalism, compassion, and resilience in highly stressful situations.

Job Requirements

- **Education:** High school diploma or GED, HiSET, or TASC certificate.

- **Experience:** At least 2 years of experience as a funeral home assistant/transporter, autopsy assistant, surgical assistant, radiology technician, or laboratory assistant involving human anatomy, surgical instruments, and aseptic techniques.
 - **Equivalency:** A combination of education and relevant experience may substitute for minimum requirements.
 - **License/Certification:** Valid Driver's License required at the time of application.
 - Must complete DNA consent form (Denver Police Forensics & Evidence Division) at hire.
 - Licenses and certifications must remain current throughout employment.
-

Workload

- Recovery and transportation of decedents from hospitals, nursing homes, residences, and death scenes.
 - Autopsy support: preparing, moving, and positioning decedents; assisting with autopsy procedures; evidence collection and documentation.
 - Scene support: assisting investigators with decedent recovery.
 - Technical duties: radiology imaging, photography of trauma and identifying features, and fingerprint collection.
 - Physical demands include lifting and moving decedents, sometimes in advanced decomposition or traumatic condition, occasionally exceeding 150 pounds with assistance.
 - Rotating shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays as part of a 24/7/365 operation.
-

Benefits

- Competitive medical, dental, and vision insurance (effective within one month of hire).
- 457B Retirement Plan.
- **Pension** (vested after 5 years of service).

- 140 hours of PTO in first year, plus 12 paid holidays, 1 personal holiday, 1 Wellness Day, and 1 volunteer day annually.
- On-the-job training in morgue operations, scene recovery, and emergency preparedness.
- Supportive and inclusive work environment.

Note: The City and County of Denver has announced two furlough days in 2025 (August 29 and November 28). Additional furlough days may apply depending on salary; details discussed during offer process.

Contact Information

Office of the Medical Examiner

City and County of Denver
500 Quivas Street
Denver, CO 80204