



Forensic Pathologist - Coroner

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Job Information:

Job Title: Forensic Pathologist

Department: Coroner

Location: Kennewick, WA

Full or Part-Time: Full Time

Closing Date: Open until a suitable candidate is found

Salary: \$180,000-\$240,000 Annually

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SUMMARY:

Performs a variety of complex and technical duties and tasks pertaining to conducting death investigations, performing post-mortem examinations, and providing expert testimony.

EXAMPLES OF JOB DUTIES:

(Duties listed are illustrative and not intended as an exhaustive listing. This classification specification reflects the general concept and intent of the position and should not be construed as a detailed statement of all the requirements that may be inherent in the position.)

Directs and performs timely post-mortem examinations, retaining samples, specimens, and tissues necessary for analysis, examination, and documentation as prescribed by existing standards and practices of forensic pathology.

Prepares or oversees the preparation of written autopsy and other post-mortem examination reports using appropriate reporting form, and convention. Issues reports or records in writing of the cause and manner of death where such determinations are not dependent upon further investigation.

Confers with and provides expert testimony on cases performed as required.

Meets with family members of decedents as requested.

Visits the scene of death or site of discovery of remains to provide professional assistance as needed.

Pursues self-development and continuing personal development of skills and knowledge by attending ongoing educational workshops, reviewing professional publications, and establishing personal networks.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

(Working conditions listed are illustrative of primary conditions and may not cover infrequent working conditions.)

Work is primarily performed in an office setting, but could be performed in inclement weather, and under adverse conditions. There may be exposure to toxic chemicals, spills, and infectious materials. Work duties may involve lifting more than 100 lbs., stooping, crouching, climbing, and crawling. There may be exposure to emotional situations and violent people.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Work is primarily performed during a standard Monday through Friday schedule. Occasionally, work may be conducted during non-standard hours and may be required to travel occasionally within the local community, region, and across the state for meetings, requiring an overnight stay.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Expert knowledge of forensic medicine and pathology to include both medical and legal aspects surrounding sudden and unnatural death as it relates to area(s) of assignment.

Expert knowledge of laws, rules, policies, and regulations affecting certification of death, release of bodies, custody of the deceased persons and related matters.

Expert knowledge of methods, practices, equipment, policies, and procedures of handling deceased individuals, data collection, statistical analysis, and reporting writing principles and techniques.

Expert time management and mental and physical organization skills that support the ability to focus, have clarity, and use strategy to fulfill a variety of tasks successfully.

Ability to exercise a high degree of independent judgment and discretion and maintain the confidentiality of sensitive and confidential information.

Ability to write and speak clearly and concisely and to express ideas and recommendations effectively, orally, and in writing.

Ability and willingness to establish and maintain communication and working relationships with peers, representatives from other agencies, vendors, public officials, and the general public using courtesy, tact, and good judgment.

Ability to effectively present information, findings, proposals, training, or other information to a variety of audiences by clearly articulating, engaging the audience, assessing the needs of the audience, and using appropriate materials to help audience understand the message.

Ability to safely operate Benton County vehicles assigned to the Coroner's office.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Graduation from an accredited school of medicine and completion of an accredited forensic pathology fellowship training program; or any combination of education and experience which would provide the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge and ability required to perform the job.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATES & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Employment at Benton County is contingent upon the results of a background check and eligibility for coverage by the County's liability insurance carrier. Depending upon the position, background checks may include personal and professional references, social security verification, education and professional licensing verification, financial history, and criminal history.

Licensed as a physician in Washington State.

Valid Washington State Driver's License, or ability to obtain within 30 days of employment.

Forensic Pathology Board Certification from the American Board of Pathology, or the ability to obtain within two years.