



## Forensic Pathologists' Assistant– Physicians Laboratory

Location: Omaha, NE

Employment Type: Full-Time

### About Us

Founded in 1955, Physicians Laboratory is a trusted, independent clinical and anatomic reference laboratory serving Nebraska and Western Iowa. We provide forensic services for 93 counties across Nebraska and operate a state-of-the-art morgue facility in Omaha, opened in 2019. With continued growth and plans for a second morgue in Lincoln, we are expanding our team and seeking a dedicated Forensic Pathologist to join us.

### Why Join Us?

- **Practice forensic pathology with professional autonomy**  
This role allows you to focus on high-quality, objective forensic work in an environment that respects medical judgment and expertise—without excessive volume or pressure.
- **Sustainable workload + predictable schedule**  
With approximately **1100 autopsies performed by the team** per year, this position offers meaningful casework while remaining manageable long-term. Enjoy no routine Sundays and time off on major holidays, supporting a true work-life balance.
- **Exclusivity + statewide impact**  
As the exclusive forensic pathology provider for Nebraska, your work supports 93 counties, offering broad professional impact while remaining based in Omaha with consistent resources and support.
- **Modern facilities designed for efficiency and safety**  
Work in a state-of-the-art morgue facility opened in 2019, with continued investment in infrastructure reflecting long-term organizational stability and growth.
- **Collegial, mission-driven environment**  
Collaborate with experienced professionals who value accuracy, integrity, and mutual respect. We are regarded as trusted experts and essential partners in public safety.

### What You'll Do

A Pathologists' Assistant is qualified by formal academic and practical training to perform tasks in surgical, anatomic, and forensic pathology, of which, only forensic and other applicable tasks will be outlined in this policy. Some tasks are shared with the duties of the Autopsy Technician/Pathologist but are occasionally performed by the Pathologists' Assistant to aid in daily task completion.

- Perform comprehensive postmortem examinations, including external exams, organ inspection, dissection, and documentation of findings
- Collect and manage tissue, fluid, and evidence samples for toxicology, histology, and specialized testing
- Document and analyze autopsy findings, contributing to preliminary diagnoses, final reports, and case summaries
- Capture and manage forensic evidence through photography, imaging, and proper preservation techniques
- Coordinate case activities, including medical record review, special studies, and consultation with pathologists and external partners
- Communicate findings and technical information to investigative staff and multidisciplinary teams
- Ensure proper handling, storage, and release of decedents in accordance with policies and legal requirements
- Support education and training by mentoring students, reviewing casework, and delivering instructional content
- Participate in case review boards, committees, and continuous improvement or research initiatives
- Maintain compliance with all regulatory, safety, and procedural standards
- Perform administrative duties as needed

### **What We're Looking For:**

- Graduated from a NAACLS-accredited Pathologists' Assistant training program.
- Attained certification as a Pathologists' Assistant (PA) by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification within 12 months of hire.
- Experience in forensic-based autopsy training, through a NAACLS-accredited Pathologists' Assistant program, or valid work experience.
- Ongoing PA (ASCP)CM certification maintenance through approved Credential Maintenance Program requirements in three-year cycles.

### **Compensation & Benefits**

- Competitive salary aligned with market and experience.
- Comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, vision, and retirement plans designed to support long-term financial security.
- CME allowance to support continuing education, national conferences and ongoing professional development
- Generous paid time off and holidays for work-life balance.

### **How To Apply**

Please submit your CV and cover letter to [jamie@zellehr.com](mailto:jamie@zellehr.com). Include references upon request.