



Utah Office of the Medical Examiner

The Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) was founded in 1972 and is affiliated with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The office serves a diverse population of 3.5 million people and is one of the top five fastest growing states in the US. In 2017, the office expanded and moved to a new facility in Salt Lake City, the largest metropolitan area in the state with great restaurants, museums, and culture. Utah has strong family and community values and believes in cooperation and collaboration—that's "The Utah Way!" In 2023, we were named the 2023 happiest state in the nation.

The Utah Office of the Medical Examiner invites applications for the position of Assistant Medical Examiner (AME). We are seeking a skilled and knowledgeable forensic pathologist interested in further developing their expertise in a supportive and collaborative environment that prioritizes work-life balance. The role includes ample opportunities to contribute to the public health and education aspects of forensic medicine.



**Department of Health
& Human Services**

Medical Examiner

We're Hiring

Assistant Medical Examiner

\$236,000 - \$349,000 per year

\$113.51 - \$167.96 / hr based on full time schedule

At a glance:

- Hybrid schedule of both in-office and telework days
- Options for relocation expenses and sign-on bonus
- Diverse geography and demographics offer a wide range of cases with a relatively low homicide burden
- Support for continuing education fees and professional development
- Competitive salary and benefits
- Highly trained staff

Application deadline: 9/25/2026

Location: 4451 South 2700 West
Taylorsville, Utah, 84129

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[For complete details of this position or to apply click here](#)

Key Responsibilities & Qualifications

Qualifications:

- Completed ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) approved fellowship in forensic pathology
- Current unlimited license to practice medicine in the State of Utah or ability to obtain before beginning employment with the State of Utah
- Completed ACGME approved residency in either Anatomic Pathology or Anatomic/Clinical Pathology
- Completed American Board of Pathology certification in Anatomic Pathology.
- Completed American Board of Pathology certification in Forensic Pathology or ability to complete within 2 years of hire

Responsibilities:

- Perform and supervise autopsies, review histology specimens, evaluate data from autopsies and ancillary tests, and prepare reports with your findings.
- Certify the cause and/or manner of death.
- Provide testimony as an expert witness in courts of law, pre-trial reviews, and other proceedings.
- Teach medical students, pathology residents, law enforcement, and other personnel about forensic medicine.
- Provide lectures and other educational presentations to law enforcement, medical personnel, legal personnel, and other professional groups (if interested).

Benefits

The state of Utah offers a very competitive total compensation package that consists of much more than your paycheck. Your pay, benefits, leave, retirement, flexible schedules, training courses, and workplace opportunities will help you get the most out of your career and personal life.



Medical + Dental + Vision

- 3 Medical plans
 - HDHP as low as \$0-\$10.25 / pay period
- 5 Dental plans
 - HSA as low as \$0 / pay period
- 4 Vision plans
 - Premiums as low as \$4.23 / pay period

Additional Benefits

- Long Term Disability
- Short Term Disability
- Mental Wellness Leave
- Annual Leave: 104 hours / year
- 401K match
- 12 paid holidays
- Life Insurance

Why join our team?

As an Assistant Medical Examiner, you'll play a pivotal role in a team deeply committed to justice and public health, with direct ties to the broader public health mission of the Department of Health and Human Services. You'll have unique opportunities to engage with the legislative process and collaborate across diverse public health initiatives.

- **Public health collaboration:** We believe our work is for the living, which is why we collaborate with other public health agencies to identify data trends, such as opioid overdoses or infectious disease outbreaks. This collaboration improves public health prevention and interventions to keep our communities safe and healthy.
- **Wide variety of cases:** With Utah's diverse geography and demographics, you'll encounter a range of cases, from urban investigations in Salt Lake City to rural and wilderness-related deaths. This provides you rich learning experiences and professional growth.
- **Fulfilling workplace culture:** Our team is full of people who are deeply invested in their work. Everyone shares a commitment to the core purposes of what we do, making our work feel impactful and rewarding. We foster a culture that is collaborative, supportive, and strikes a balance between productivity and well-being, creating a space where employees can thrive. We also have an excellent wellness committee that includes extracurricular activities like team 5K's, charity dog walks, pot lucks, and movie nights.
- **Professional development:** We support additional education, training, and certifications in forensic sciences and related fields, so you can advance your skills and career. We also have a close relationship with the University of Utah medical school, including adjunct faculty appointments in their Pathology Department, and supporting medical student rotations and their Forensic Pathology Fellowship program.
- **Highly trained staff:** Our team includes board-certified forensic pathologists, ABMDI-certified death investigators, and full morgue operations support with highly trained autopsy assistants and morgue clerks.

What's Next?

Experience a sense of achievement for a job well done and enjoy work life balance! We offer great health benefits and retirement plans, generous paid time off, and a balanced work schedule to afford quality time spent with your family. If this feels like the right fit for you, apply to [join our team](#) today!

