



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 is seeking a high-skilled, experienced forensic pathologist for the role of Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. 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

Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

\$264,000 - \$393,000 per year

\$126.98 - \$189.40 / 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: 9/27/2026

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

In this role, your duties extend beyond shared post-mortem examination duties (averaging 4-5 days a month) to encompass significant opportunities for professional growth and impact. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Mentorship and Training:** Actively support and train the next generation of medical professionals, including medical students and fellowship candidates.
- **Team Leadership:** Provide essential employee supervision, guiding and developing our dedicated staff.
- **Strategic Input:** Contribute to critical division leadership responsibilities, including policy input and development that shapes the future of forensic medicine in Utah.

Qualifications include:

- Current unlimited license to practice medicine in the State of Utah or ability to obtain before beginning employment with the State of Utah
- Board certified as a Forensic Pathologist by the American Board of Pathology
- Board certified in Anatomic Pathology or Anatomic/Clinical Pathology by the American Board of Pathology
- Two years of experience practicing full-time Forensic Pathology



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 a Deputy Chief 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?

If you're a skilled forensic pathologist eager to embrace a leadership role in a state that values both professional excellence and quality of life, and you're excited by the prospect of contributing to a holistic public health mission as part of the largest government department in Utah, we encourage you to apply. Contribute to a team who is truly making a difference! To learn more about the Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Medical Examiner, [click here](#)

