

Employment Opportunity

Deputy Chief Medical Examiner (Forensic Pathologist)

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is currently recruiting for Board-certified/Board-eligible forensic pathologists to fill two Physician Specialist positions as Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for the State of West Virginia. The positions, located in OCME's central Charleston office, offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits.

The qualified candidates will be offered the state Forensic Pathologist annual salary, currently at \$180,000. The Deputy Chief Medical Examiner/Forensic Pathologist supervises the overall conduct of death investigations, authorizes organ transplant donation as indicated by law, performs autopsies and completes death certificates, and assists the Chief Medical Examiner with overseeing the medical operations of the OCME.

Examples of Duties:

- Shared on-call pathology duties include:
 - Assist OCME and police investigators in conduct of death investigation.
 - Determine jurisdiction and office response to death referrals.
 - Assist local death investigators in completing death certificates.
 - Perform autopsy and complete death certificate and autopsy report.
- Consult with prosecutors and defense attorneys in preparation for court proceedings.
- Provide court room testimony.
- Provide administrative support for Chief Medical Examiner, direction, oversight, and training of county medical examiners and the investigation unit.

Minimum Qualifications/Training:

Successful completion of an American Board of Pathology (ABP) approved forensic pathology fellowship and ABP Certification or eligibility in Anatomic Pathology (AP) or Anatomic and Clinical Pathology (AP/CP) and Forensic Pathology (FP). Board eligible applicants will be expected to obtain AP or AP/CP Board Certification within one year of hire and FP Subspecialty Certification within one year of obtaining AP Certification. Candidates should have knowledge of principles, practices, techniques and advances in the area of forensic pathology and medicolegal death certification.

Abilities:

Possess a sufficient knowledge base, judgement and sufficient interpersonal skills to direct the work of ancillary professional and support staff in order to competently conduct effective death investigation into a wide variety of death circumstances; recognize and assign forensic import of a variety of potential natural, injury-related and toxicology-related causes of death; recognize death circumstances that compel notification to other public health or safety agencies; follow the

departmental or institutional policies concerning all facets of the OCME workplace; and clearly communicate with a wide variety of people, both orally and in writing.

Other Requirements:

The applicant must be able to obtain a license to practice medicine/surgery in the State of West Virginia. The applicant must have or obtain a West Virginia driver's license applicable to job responsibilities and with a driving record acceptable to Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Benefits Include:

- Paid vacation, holidays and sick/family sick leave
- Health, dental, vision, retiree health, basic life, and supplemental life insurance
- Employee wellness clinic
- Flex benefits
- Deferred compensation and retirement

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**Submit curriculum vitae to:
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About West Virginia:

West Virginia, also known as the Mountain State, is well-known for its beautiful views and outdoor adventures. West Virginia has 24,038.19 square miles of land area and 191.83 square miles of water area. As of 2014, the total population of West Virginia is 1,853,881, which has grown 2.52% since 2000. The State is ranked #15 with the Crime Index of 1,235, which is calculated based on data using USA.com algorithms.

About the OCME:

The OCME is a medical examiner system that serves a statewide jurisdiction, providing high quality medicolegal death investigation and certification services to a population of 1.8 million West Virginia citizens. With an annual caseload of approximately 8,000 death referrals, the office accepts jurisdiction of approximately 3,500 deaths, resulting in an annual autopsy caseload of approximately 1,800 examinations. The caseload is shared by a staff of five full-time forensic pathologists and a Chief Medical Examiner based in Charleston. Seven full-time, in-house investigators and a Chief Investigator supervise a roster of local county-death investigators who provide statewide death investigation and local death certification. The OCME forensic pathology staff work together with a state of the art in-house toxicology laboratory and the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institute) forensic anthropology services, as well as a Board Certified Forensic Odontologist, to investigate a wide array of interesting death cases.