

North Carolina  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Fellowship program through  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Our staff**

- Eleven full-time, board-certified forensic pathologists
- 24/7 medicolegal death investigator staffing
- 1:1 technician-pathologist ratio during examinations

**Our facility**

- NAME accredited
- Located in northwestern Raleigh, facility finished in 2013
- 24/7 State Capital Police presence on site
- LODOX x-ray
- In-house histology
- In-house accredited Toxicology Laboratory

**The Triangle: Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, NC**

- Thriving area, booming job market with reasonable cost of living
- Three major universities and two medical schools in area
- Vibrant farm-to-table restaurants
- Temperate climate with four seasons
- Day trips: mountains to the West, beach to the East
- Jurisdiction covering rural and urban areas



**Fellow benefits**

- Salary (2024-25) \$87,000
- Private office with own microscope
- State of NC full-time benefits include
  - Medical and dental
  - 3 weeks paid vacation + holidays + comp time accrual
  - Employee assistance program
- Call schedule one weekend per 1.5 months
- Weekly didactic presentations by staff
- Fellow cases are curated for best educational value. You want homicides? You can have all you want.

**Stats**

- Population served ~3 million
- ~1800 autopsies/year
- ~500 homicides per year



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Pathology and Lab Medicine

Paperless exhibit!

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