

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional medical work involving responsibility for the investigation of unattended, suspicious or unexplained deaths, deaths of persons while confined in public institutions other than hospitals, infirmaries or nursing homes or deaths which appear to be caused by violence, unlawful or criminal neglect or by criminal abortion. The work is performed under the general direction of the Medical Examiner and in accordance with state and local law. Wide leeway is allowed in the details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over the work of staff assigned to the Medical Examiner's office. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Investigates deaths within an assigned geographical area of the County or as directed by the Medical Examiner;

Performs autopsies when necessary to determine the cause, means or manner of death;

Performs, and supervises the performance of, a variety of qualitative and quantitative tests when necessary to determine the cause, means or manner of death;

Completes death certificates;

Prepares a variety of reports;

Maintains a variety of records;

Consults with, and requests advice and assistance from, medical examiners, coroners and other officials when necessary to determine the cause, means or manner of death;

Testifies in court, at inquests and hearings concerning the cause, means or manner of death.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the modern theory and practices of pathology; thorough knowledge of the theory and techniques of physical and chemical analysis; good knowledge of forensic medicine; good knowledge of laboratory techniques, procedures and equipment; skill in the autopsy and dissection of dead bodies of human beings; ability to maintain records and prepare complex statistical and narrative reports; ability to give professional testimony in court or at inquests or hearings; a high degree of accuracy; sound professional judgment; willingness to respond to calls on a 24 hour a day basis; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A license to practice medicine in New York

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Special Requirement for Acceptance of Application: Eligibility for an appropriate New York State Motor Vehicle Operator's License. Possession of the license is required at the time of appointment.

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