

FORENSIC MORGUE TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class assists at autopsies in the evisceration of bodies and the removal of organs for examination and analysis by a Pathologist. Assignments are received from the Medical Examiner/Forensic Pathologist and the Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) or designated administrative or medical supervisor, and the work is performed under the direct supervision of the Medical Examiner/Forensic Pathologist and/or the Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) or designated administrative or medical supervisor, who directs the incumbent during autopsies. Supervision is not a function of this class. 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.

Prepares bodies for autopsy, selects instruments, sets up scale and specimen containers;

Assists Forensic Pathologist with photography and obtaining specimens, may eviscerate bodies, remove organs, and give them to the pathologist for examination and analysis;

Restores organs to body/biohazard bag; sutures and cleans body for release;

Maintains clean autopsy area;

Organizes and sends out toxicology specimens, culture and other biological materials for testing;

Assists with the organizing of toxicology, photographs, and histology materials;

Maintains inventory of autopsy supplies including scrubs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of medical terminology, anatomy and practice; working knowledge of universal precautions and safety guidelines; ability and willingness to work on cadavers in varying conditions, including those affected by trauma, decomposition and other postmortem factors; ability to take photographs; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to keep simple records and maintain order; 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: Either:

- A. Possession of an Associate's or higher-level degree in Mortuary Science, Forensic Science, Clinical Lab Science, Biology, Nursing or a related field; **OR**
- B. Two (2) years of full-time paid or its part-time equivalent experience as a forensic autopsy technician, autopsy assistant, Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic, laboratory technician, organ/tissue procurement technician or nurse; **OR**
- C. An equivalent combination of training and experience as described in A and B above.

Note: Your degree or college credits must have been awarded or earned by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

Special Requirement: Eligibility for an appropriate New York State Driver's License. Possession of the license is required at the time of appointment.

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