

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION (AUTOPSY) SUPERVISOR

🛧 TACOMA - PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Salary \$81,991.62 - \$104,206.39

Salary package includes generous benefits, vacation accrual, partial relocation reimbursement and no state income tax.

This is a rare opportunity to get into a supervisory position as the Postmortem Examination Supervisor for the Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office.

You will be responsible for the supervision of the Forensic Autopsy Technician team (which also includes the Transport Agent). You will work collaboratively with the forensic pathologists, operations director, administrative, and technical units to improve efficiency and quality of work, further modernize processes, and assist in our vision to become a recognized leader in the field.

You will be instrumental in the introduction of postmortem computed tomography (PMCT) into the daily workflow. Your role is essential to ensure that postmortem exams are performed with high quality, attention to detail, and ensuring that the integrity of evidence is maintained.

Minimum Qualifications

Two or more years of training in a medical related discipline or related scientific field. Three years of experience assisting with autopsies and/or pathology laboratory work. Two or more years of progressive leadership, supervision, and/or management responsibility. Additional education or related experience may substitute for the recruiting requirements on a year for year basis. A valid Washington State driver's license or the ability to otherwise meet the travel requirements of the position is required.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with management of other employees, to include performance and coaching with progressive discipline in a represented environment.
- Medical examiner/coroner, laboratory, healthcare, postmortem tissue and donor procurement, or radiation technology experience or certification is desired.
- Proficiency with basic and complex postmortem evisceration procedures, toxicology and other postmortem specimen collection techniques.
- Degree or certification in laboratory, radiology, healthcare, public health or related field or related experience is highly desired.

Special Requirements and/or Qualifications

- Employees in this classification are subject to 24-hour availability, travel requirements, and must be willing to work non-standard hours as required.
- This recruitment requires a CV and letter of interest highlighting why you're interested in this position. Not including both will result in an incomplete application.

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Core Daily Responsibilities

- Supervise and manage assigned staff work assignments, training, development, and performance management.
- Plan for and coordinate development of new and existing postmortem imaging practices including but not limited to Lodox full-body x-ray, DEXIS/NOMAD, and computed tomography (CT) scanner installation and setup, routine use, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Evaluate staffing needs to operate the CT scanner.
- Oversee the implementation of new and existing technologies and practices applied to forensic autopsy examination.

- Evaluate, develop, and implement technical protocols and procedures for autopsy services, as appropriate.
- Provide initial and ongoing training to forensic autopsy technicians and transport agent(s).
- Actively participate in quality improvement/quality assurance (QI/ QA) of technical services, including development and maintenance of QI/ QA manual and related materials.
- Responsible for National Association of Medical Examiner's (NAME) Accreditation activities as they relate to postmortem exams and body handling, morgue capacity, etc.

Medical Examiner's Office

- + Collaborative, friendly 25-member staff comprised of four teams: Investigations, Technical, Administrative, and Pathology.
- Fully accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME).
- + Stand-alone secure facility with free on-site parking.
- + Updated, modern personal office space.
- + CT Scanner to be installed in 2024.
- + Current Lodox full-body x-ray system.
- + Modern case management system.
- + Annual office caseload estimated at 850+ Autopsy Equivalents.
- + Funded for four forensic pathologists.



The Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office has a regional reputation for excellence in professional and compassionate death investigations and postmortem examinations. This is accomplished through providing timely, accurate, and thorough services. Our office has a culture of teamwork, continuous improvement, and education. Learn more about the Medical Examiner's Office

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