

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER Tompkins County

Classification: Non-competitive

Labor Grade: 69

Approved: 0

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (a) Graduation from a medical school recognized by the NYS Education Department with a degree of Doctor of Medicine **AND** three years of satisfactory experience as a qualified physician of medicine and surgeon.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- (a) Eligibility for a license to practice in the State of New York; possession of the license at the time of appointment.

Tompkins County is Committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

Attends the scenes of sudden deaths, natural or unnatural, to render a decision as to the cause of death when the Medical Examiner is not available. This is a professional position in the specialized field of forensic pathology. Work is performed in accordance with general policies outlined by the Board of Representatives. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Conducts investigations into deaths without medical attendance, especially those suspected to be due to external cause;
- Supervises the work of medical field investigators and attendants;
- Perform autopsies and determines post mortem diagnoses on the basis of clinical, gross, toxicologic and tissue findings;
- May assist in maintaining proper records;
- Enforces pertinent laws and regulations;
- Maintains good relationships with law enforcement agencies, hospitals, physicians, morticians and relatives or authorized representatives of the deceased.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Thorough knowledge of principles, procedures and terminology of medicine and surgery;
- Thorough knowledge of medical laboratory techniques; thorough knowledge of procedures involved in conducting autopsies and inquests;
- Good knowledge of legislation regarding investigations or unnatural deaths;
- Ability to perform complex medical examinations and to prepare detailed reports as required by law;

- Ability to conduct medical inquiries and to present evidence of causes of death in court;
- Initiative and resourcefulness; industry and dependability;
- Good physical condition.