

ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional medical work of a routine nature which involves responsibility for the investigation, and determination of cause, of unnatural or unattended deaths. The work is performed in accordance with standards set forth in County law (particularly sections 670 through 678). General supervision is received from the Medical Examiner. The work involves on-call duty as necessary. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Investigates a variety of deaths within the County (such as deaths caused by violence or criminal neglect, or of a suspicious, unexplained or unattended nature);

Receives and evaluates pathologist's autopsy findings in the absence of the Medical Examiner;

Completes death certificates;

Completes and files appropriate reports;

Maintains full records of all investigations;

Reports to Medical Examiner any and all deaths of a suspicious nature;

Testifies in court and at inquests, when necessary, concerning cause of death;

Performs the duties and functions of the Office of Medical Examiner in the absence of the Medical Examiner.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the field of medicine; ability to determine cause of death; ability to write clear and complete reports; ability to give professional testimony in court and at inquests; a high degree of accuracy; sound professional judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A license to practice medicine in New York State.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: License to practice medicine in New York State must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.