

PATHOLOGIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is specialized professional medical work of a complex nature involving a responsibility for determining the cause of unnatural or unattended deaths in the Office of the Medical Examiner. The work is performed in accordance with standards set forth in the County Law and under the general supervision of the Medical Examiner. The work generally involves on-call duty as necessary. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Performs autopsies to determine cause of death;
Dictates autopsy protocols and collates autopsy findings with investigative findings and laboratory results;
Interprets histopathological slides;
May photograph important findings during autopsy;
May testify in court and at inquests.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of modern theory and practice of pathology; good knowledge of the special fields of chemistry appropriate to the conduct of autopsies; good knowledge of the specific skills involved in autopsies and ability to perform autopsies; good knowledge of forensic medicine; good knowledge of laboratory equipment, procedures and techniques; 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 and either certification by the American Board of Pathology or Board Eligibility as evidenced by an appropriate current letter from the Board.

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