

**CDC Foundation Field Employee Job Announcement:  
Forensic Pathologist- Charleston, West Virginia  
Number of openings - 2**

The CDC Foundation helps the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) save and improve lives by unleashing the power of collaboration between CDC, philanthropies, corporations, organizations and individuals to protect the health, safety and security of America and the world. The CDC Foundation is the sole entity authorized by Congress to mobilize philanthropic partners and private-sector resources to support CDC's critical health protection mission. Since 1995, the CDC Foundation has launched approximately 1,000 programs and raised over \$740 million. The CDC Foundation managed over 300 CDC-led programs in the United States and in more than 130 countries last year.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

The CDC Foundation seeks candidates for a full time Forensic Pathologist to support the CDC. This is an outstanding opportunity to work with the nation's lead agency charged with protecting the public's health. The CDC Foundation offers a competitive salary and attractive benefits package.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Examines and evaluates decedents to determine cause and manner of death through the performance of an investigation (which may or may not include internal examination) and application of accepted forensic pathology standards and practices. Dictates, writes or records information required to document findings, accurately complete a Death Certificate, and Report of death investigation. Provides testimony in court as an expert witness as required. Conducts consultations with medicolegal death investigators and works cooperatively with members of law enforcement and other authorized 3rd parties to help determine acceptance or declination of jurisdiction over reported deaths. Provides direction to Morgue Technicians assigned to assist in the autopsy suite. Provides on-call services to the Forensic Investigations Unit on a rotational basis.
- Performs quality control review of death certificates associated with cremation permits submitted by funeral homes and crematoriums, directing any necessary corrections and providing final approval of the cremation permits. Participation in consensus conferences with office pathologists to discuss cases and findings. Provides direction to medicolegal death investigators and county medical examiners when requested, concerning elements of the investigation and forensic principles. Promotes education and training in medicolegal death investigation for office staff and other entities to include Residents and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students on rotation at the facility.
- The applicability and duration of the physical work requirements for this position are dependent wholly upon the current caseload faced by the office. The number of days per week that a pathologist spends in autopsy is rotated amongst the pathologists and the number of autopsies performed by each pathologist is dependent upon the number of pending cases, difficulty of each case and the determination by each individual pathologist (in consultation with the Chief Medical Examiner) as to the number of cases that will be autopsied on any scheduled autopsy day. When the pathologist is not scheduled for autopsy, their day is primarily spent conducting report review and preparation in an office setting.
- Other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Minimum Qualifications / Training: Successful completion of an American Board of Pathology (ABP) approved forensic pathology fellowship, and ABP Certification or eligibility in Anatomic (AP) or Anatomic and Clinical (AP/CP) Pathology and Forensic Pathology (FP). Board eligible applicants chosen will be expected to obtain AP or AP/CP Board Certification within 1 year of hire; and FP Subspecialty Certification within 1 year of obtaining AP certification.
- Particularly desirable are those pathologists who have undergone extensive training in pediatric and/or neuropathology.

- Knowledge: Of principles, practices, techniques and advances in the area of forensic pathology and medicolegal death certification.
- Abilities: Possess a sufficient knowledge base, judgment, and sufficient interpersonal skills to direct the work of ancillary professional and support staff in order to competently conduct effective death investigation into a wide variety of death circumstances; and to recognize and assign forensic import of a variety of potential natural, injury-related and toxicology-related causes of death; recognize death circumstances that compel notification to other public health or safety agencies; to follow the departmental or institutional policies concerning all facets of the workplace; and the ability to clearly communicate with a wide variety of people, both orally and in writing.
- Other Requirements: The applicant must be able to obtain a license to practice medicine/surgery in the State of West Virginia. The applicant must have a valid driver's license applicable to job responsibilities and with a driving record acceptable to the County of Kanawha, State of West Virginia. The applicant must pass a background investigation.
- Duties: Shared on-call pathology duties include: assisting OCME and police investigators in the conduct of death investigations; determining jurisdictional and office response to death reports; assisting local death investigators in completing death certificates; and performance of autopsy, completion of death certificate and completion of autopsy report. Consult with prosecutors and defense attorneys in preparation for court proceedings. Provide court room testimony. Provide administrative support for Chief Medical Examiner, direction, oversight and training of county medical examiners and the investigation unit.
- Successful candidates shall be appointed as a Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for the State of West Virginia, to serve as such at the will and pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of West Virginia.

**To apply: Please visit the CDC Foundation Career page at [www.cdcfoundation.org/jobs](http://www.cdcfoundation.org/jobs)**

*All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disabilities, veteran status, and all other characteristics protected by law.*

*We comply with all applicable laws including E.O. 11246 and the Vietnam Era Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 governing employment practices and do not discriminate on the basis of any unlawful criteria in accordance with 41 C.F.R. §§ 60-300.5(a)(12) and 60-741.5(a)(7). As a federal government contractor, we take affirmative action on behalf of protected veterans.*

*The CDC Foundation is a smoke-free environment.*

*Relocation expenses are not included.*