



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:

Title Investigator 1, OCSME [Classified Competitive]			Salary 120 \$51,322.62 - \$72,571.17
Posting Number 498-21	Position Number 957648	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 09/24/2021 To: 10/08/2021
Location: Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner 120 South Stockton Street, 3rd Floor, Trenton			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner is seeking a candidate to review routine and sensitive investigations of deaths reported to the Regional or County Medical Examiner Offices in New Jersey. The position will also provide assistance in disaster preparedness and emergency management activities and response. Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, staffing the State Emergency Operations Center during planned or unplanned events and assisting in complex medicolegal operations that may occur as a result of a large-scale incident. The successful candidate will also assist with the development of an inspection process for review of medical examiner offices and their respective casework, which will include performing the duties of a medicolegal death investigator for reported cases such as Medical Aid in Dying and cases involving a death in police custody.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Forensic Science, Criminal Justice, or Nursing; or graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Physical or Natural Science with twelve (12) semester hour credits in physical or biological science, six (6) semester hour credits in human anatomy, and twelve (12) semester hour credits in chemistry.

NOTE: Possession of a valid registry basic certification issued by the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree.

EXPERIENCE: One (1) year of office and/or field experience conducting investigations, collecting evidence, and preparing investigative reports.

NOTE: A Master's degree in Criminal Justice and/or Forensic Science may be substituted for one (1) year of experience.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:

NOTE: Appointees will be required to possess a valid registry basic certification from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) within two (2) years of appointment.

NOTE: Per N.J.S.A. 26:6B-10, a medicolegal death investigator who engages in the investigation of deaths pursuant to this subsection shall obtain certification from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators within three years after the effective date of this act, or within three years after the person first takes action under this paragraph, whichever is later.

Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform essential duties of the position.

NOTE: To progress to the title of Investigator 2, OCSME, employees will be required to possess a valid registry basic certification from the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) and have one (1) year of full-time experience as a Medicolegal Death Investigator (MLDI).

IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:
PSTSME@doh.nj.gov
- Mail the required documents to:
**Jill Velez, Administrative Analyst 3
Office of the State Medical Examiner**

Required documents:

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
- *If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.*
- *If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.*
- *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
- *In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.*
- **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
- *RESUME NOTE: Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.*