

Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Position Opening – Pearl, Mississippi

The Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office (MSMEO) has an opening for the position of Forensic Pathologist/Deputy Chief Medical Examiner at the MSMEO headquarters located in Pearl, MS, a suburb of the state capital Jackson. This position is currently vacant and will remain an open posting until the position is filled. The facility is collocated with and directly affiliated with the Mississippi State Crime Laboratory headquarters. Job responsibilities include performing postmortem forensic examinations and autopsies, assisting in medicolegal death investigations, testifying as an expert witness in court, supervising the operational activities of the facility, and performing other related duties as assigned.

Salary and Benefits

The salary for this position is \$190,000 per year. Successful candidates are eligible to participate in state health care, dental, vision, and life insurance programs. Personal leave, medical leave, and compensation time may be accrued. State employees receive ten paid state holidays, and they contribute to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) of Mississippi (<http://www.pers.ms.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>).

Position and Certification Requirements

Candidates will be physicians (MD or DO) who have graduated from an accredited school of medicine or osteopathic medicine and completed approved residency training in pathology with a fellowship in forensic pathology at an accredited institution. Candidates shall be either board certified in anatomic and forensic pathology or board-eligible (certification must be obtained within three years of hiring) through the American Board of Pathology. Individuals must obtain a medical license to practice in the State of Mississippi (https://www.ms.gov/medical_licensure/renewal/Main.do, 601-987-3079), submit a state employment application, and pass a thorough background check.

Office and Area Information

The Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office falls under the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. The office is collocated and directly affiliated with the Mississippi State Crime Laboratory headquarters in new state-of-the-art facilities in Pearl, MS, a suburb of the capital Jackson. There are currently two board-certified forensic pathologists on staff along with two PhD forensic anthropologists (one is board certified and specializes in the analysis of skeletal trauma, and the other has an extensive background in stable isotope analysis), and one board-certified forensic odontologist. There are seven autopsy assistants and two administrators on staff. The four main autopsy suites are equipped with monitors and the Avreo radiographic software program which is tied into the digital Quantum Medical Imaging system used for full body radiology. A fifth autopsy suite is dedicated to anthropology. Dental radiology is digital using the DEXIS software program and the NOMAD Pro 2 imaging equipment.

The tri-county Jackson metro area is home to almost 500,000 inhabitants. Jackson is the state capital, and the area is home to five universities or colleges, major medical facilities, the Atlanta Braves Double-A professional baseball franchise, the Natchez Trace, and the Ross Barnett Reservoir recreational area. For more information visit: <http://visitmississippi.org/>.

Point of Contact

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