GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Conducts professional investigations into the circumstances related to death; performs related duties as required.

COMPLEXITY OF DUTIES

Under general supervision, the duties require the use of independent judgment in conducting field investigations of deaths to determine contributing medical factors.

TYPICAL DUTIES

- 1. Assumes responsibility for pronouncement of death.
- * 2. Takes charge of the dead body, having it transported to the morgue, and receiving the body at the morgue.
- * 3. Collects and preserves physical and biological evidence at the scene of death to be used as evidence or for further forensic investigation; maintains records to preserve chain of evidence.
- 4. Correlates sequence of events that led to death; consults with Deputy Medical Examiner for disposition.
- 5. Assists in development of standards, policies, and procedures necessary to improve investigation operations.
- 6. Prepares necessary records and reports on deaths.
- 7. Prepares replies to technical communications.
- * 8. Takes photographs of the scene and of the dead body.
- * 9. Takes x-rays of the dead body and collects biological samples from the body.
- * 10. Learns to perform specific tests on specimens gathered at the autopsy for comparison with evidence collected at the scene of death.
- 11. Testifies in court as a witness, as required.

*ADA ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- 1. Knowledge of modern laboratory investigative methods and techniques related to unnatural causes of death.
- 2. Knowledge of the rules of evidence.
- 3. Knowledge of modern laboratory equipment, materials, and techniques.
- 4. Ability to record, organize, analyze, and present data with scientific accuracy and thoroughness.
- 5. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, health institutions, and law enforcement agencies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Training and Experience

Continuing registration as a Physician Assistant by the New York State Department of Education.

Necessary Special Requirement

Continuing possession of a valid, appropriate class New York State Driver's License.