



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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## Medicolegal Death Scene Investigations Internship Program

### General Information

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office has established an internship program within the Medicolegal Death Scene Investigations Unit that will accommodate one or two interns per academic semester. This is a hands-on internship experience in which the student will work with deceased humans in sometimes unpleasant environmental conditions. This unpaid internship opportunity requires the student to work at least 16-20 hours a week (not to exceed 40 hours per week), preferably in 8-10 hour shifts. The intern will rotate between day, evening, and night shifts as well as weekday and weekend shifts. Applications must be received by November 1st for Spring semester, March 1st for Summer semester and July 1st for the Fall semester.

### Description of Program

Interns will learn the practice of medicolegal death scene investigation by shadowing an experienced investigator and observing the day-to-day operations of the unit. The intern will have an opportunity to:

- Learn what types of deaths are reportable to the Medical Examiner,
- Receive death reports over the phone from hospitals, police, and other agencies,
- Attend death scenes and learn the process of investigation, and
- Observe Pathology, Photography, Trace Evidence, and Morgue operations (time permitting).

Interns must maintain a log/journal of their experiences throughout the internship and submit it to their preceptor at the conclusion of the internship. Additionally, the intern may be asked to complete a research project and/or presentation. The internship will culminate with a mock death scene investigation.