

SENIOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (II-MEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHER)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under direct supervision, an incumbent in this trainee level position performs routine photographic procedures and is trained to perform highly specialized photographic procedures to document autopsy cadavers, gross and microscopic anatomic specimens, physical evidence and crime scenes for teaching, medicolegal and/or forensic science purposes. The incumbent works in situations which provide training to develop skills and knowledge of highly specialized photographic procedures. The incumbent works independently on less complex and routine projects and under supervision on the more difficult jobs. As the employee's skill and knowledge increase, the employee receives less direction until at full performance level. Trainee appointments are for a period of two years, during which time an incumbent participates in training to become proficient at the higher level. Advancement depends on the assignment and performance of higher level duties on a regular basis and on position availability. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Participates in and assists with photographing cadavers, anatomical specimens, physical evidence and crime scenes with monochrome or full color film using still, video picture cameras, or digital photography;

Participates in and assists in editing and producing documentary and educational material to provide illustrations for legal and scientific records, research, crime investigations, teaching, courtroom presentations and displays;

Participates in and assists in performing photomicroscopy and gross photography of autopsy tissue for medicolegal documentation;

Participates in and assists with photographing victims and surroundings at scenes of death as well as in autopsy rooms, vehicles, crime scenes, etc.;

Participates in and assists with processing photosensitive materials, develops film and produces and reproduces prints and slides;

Participates in and assists in performing special printing techniques such as retouching, enlarging, dodging, air brushing, solarizing and masking;

Participates in and assists in maintaining photographic indexes and files, photographic developing solutions, and inventories of photographic films, papers, and related supplies;

Participates in and assists in maintaining photographic equipment in good working order;

Participates in and assists in operating projectors for showing films and slides;

Participates in and assists in the photoanalysis and photodocumentation of physical evidence;

Participates in and assists in producing graphic illustrations of autopsy specimens, statistical and analytical data and lecture information for documentation using computerized graphics systems.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of photographic techniques and use of various types of cameras and development procedures; good knowledge of still and digital photographic techniques; good knowledge of advanced photographic techniques relating to medicolegal and criminalistic applications; good knowledge of audio-visual techniques; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of photographic and audio-visual equipment; ability to understand and follow complex instructions; tact; good judgment; initiative; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either: (a) A Bachelor's Degree* in Film, Photography, Communications or closely related fields, which included experience in photography and dark room procedures and/or audio-visual techniques; or (b) an Associate's Degree* in any of the above mentioned fields and two years of experience in photography and/or audio visual techniques, including darkroom procedures; or (c) high school or equivalency diploma and four years experience as stated in (b); or (d) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience as defined by the limits in (a), (b) and (c).

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State.