

Intern WALL OF FAME



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While completing my Medical Examiner internship I learned quite a lot of anatomy. I already knew the basics, but got a much more in depth understanding not only of structures, but also the difference between normal, injured or diseased appearances. I learned about the process of death investigation and the some of the legalities surrounding it.

I am applying to medical school this summer (2014) so this is not only an excellent point to put on the application, but the knowledge gained will help me later in medical school. I also got an excellent letter of recommendation, which helps too.

The internship was excellent and the experience was invaluable; the doctors and staff were very welcoming and encouraging. My questions were always welcomed and answered, and I was encouraged to participate in many different aspects of the daily operations there. In addition to the typical duties (assisting at autopsy by prepping, scribing and cleaning, plus some office work and observing scene investigation) I was shown how to do some of the procedures (such as drawing fluids, opening and closing an autopsy) and was allowed to assist with these processes.

The Erie County Medical Office is not currently hiring, however they did ask if I would be interested in a future position and will let me know if one opens up soon. I would definitely recommend this position to SUNY Fredonia students; especially for pre-health majors. There is also a toxicology internship available in the lab there, which would be good for med-tech or more chemistry oriented majors.

My advice for future students would be to apply early, always be professional, never be afraid to ask questions (you're there to learn after all), and leave a big block in your schedule for it.