



Autopsy Technician Certificate

This is a career development certificate program only available to individuals currently working in the death care industry.

What is the Autopsy Technician Program?

This certificate program is the first of its kind in the tri-state region, developed in conjunction with a local county Medical Examiner's office. The certificate is a two-term, 15-credit program. While offered primarily online, the program does require a 60-hour externship working in a morgue, medical examiner's office, or funeral home (students will secure their own externship site). At these sites, students will gain essential knowledge and hands-on skills required to conduct autopsies and other post-mortem examinations.

Why is the program beneficial to me?

The program prepares students for a position working alongside pathologists or medical examiners, or work with morticians. They help take care of deceased bodies to prepare them for burial or cremation. They also assist in performing many tests and examinations to determine the cause of death or for evidence in criminal cases. Individuals who have an interest in human anatomy and an interest in learning more about the causes of death are often the ones who chose to become autopsy technicians.

Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Perform all the required duties of an autopsy technician, from receipt of the body to final release to a funeral home.
- Collect, catalogue, and inventory all evidence including tissue samples, organs, clothing, etc.
- Take forensic photographs of the body, at various stages during the autopsy.
- Maintain required written records.



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AUTOPSY TECHNICIAN (ATC) Certificate Program Recommended Course Sequence

Code Course (Credits)

BI0118	Medical Terminology (3)
ATC105	Autopsy Tech Foundations (3)
BI0138	Anatomy & Physiology for AT tech (3)
BI0155	Disease and Pathology in the Deceased (2)
ATC130	Digital Forensic Photography (2)
ATC195	Autopsy Tech Externship (2)

PROGRAM TOTAL: 15



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