

SKAGIT COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

Due to the sensitive nature of our work, this opportunity is for college, graduate, and medical students who are studying or considering a career in a forensic-related field. Interested candidates must have completed the educational tour. Not all applications will be accepted.

Have you attended an educational presentation by the Coroner or completed an educational tour at our office?

 Y N If yes, provide date completed: _____

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Are you affiliated to any school or organization? Yes No

Name of school: _____ Course of Study/Major: _____

Current grade/year of study: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Explain your intended career goal and how this observership will benefit your career choice:

What are you interested in observing? death scene investigation autopsy or body examination both

The observership consists of one full 8-hour day (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the Coroner's Office, during which participants will observe daily operations. This may include attending a scene investigation or observing an autopsy or body examination, when such activities are deemed appropriate and suitable for an observer by this office.

Additional observership days may be arranged, either as one day per week or for an entire week, not to exceed a total of five (5) days.

Autopsies are not performed daily and are scheduled based on the availability of the forensic pathologist. If a participant is interested in observing an autopsy, the Coroner's Office will contact the participant should an opportunity become available.

Please mark below the days of the week you are available. If you would like to shadow an investigator for a call after business hours (6pm-8am), please note that.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

List dates that you are unavailable: _____

Applicant Signature _____ Email application to: hayleyt@co.skagit.wa.us

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PROGRAM ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE POLICY

Purpose:

To provide standards commensurate with professional attire, appearance, and responsibility for participants in Skagit County Coroner's Office educational programs.

Policy:

Participants function under the authority of Coroner personnel. The Coroner's Office expects participants to exhibit respectfulness, maturity, and professionalism. During autopsies, the Coroner's Office expects participants to function under our forensic pathologist's auspices. This office also encounters many outside agencies (law enforcement, EMS, fire, public utilities, medical facilities, social services etc.) during its investigations, and the Coroner's Office expects participants to be mature and conduct themselves commendably with these agencies. The Coroner's Office expects participants to present themselves professionally, in both dress and behavior, and a participant may be dismissed from the program if they fail to do so.

A. Appearance and General Requirements

- **Appropriate attire**
 - All participants will wear black cargo-style or tactical pants and a plain black t-shirt or polo shirt.
 - For autopsies, all participants must wear scrub shirt and pants.
- **Unacceptable Attire includes but is not limited to:**
 - Jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, cutoffs or shorts, sheer clothing, low necklines, stretch pants, spaghetti straps, backless attire, casual sandals, or flip flops. No emblems, slogans, symbols, pins, buttons, or insignias (except those that are unobtrusive, like alligators on polo shirts), or anything connotating illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, obscene language, sex, violence, or discrimination.
- **Footwear**
 - Participants must wear either dark colored boots or dark colored closed-toe shoes appropriate for the workplace. Participants cannot wear open-toed or bright colored shoes.

B. Jewelry, Piercings, and Tattoos

- Participants must wear limited jewelry. They cannot have any dangling or large hoop earrings, earplugs/earspools/flesh tunnels, or skin loops as they might create a safety hazard or interfere with the use of personal protective equipment.
- Participants cannot have nose, lip, tongue, or other visible/interfering non-ear piercings.
- Participants must cover or otherwise hide tattoos that others can perceive as offensive and hostile.

C. Responsibility

- Participants must follow this policy while participating in the Skagit County Coroner's Office educational programs. Participants who do not comply with the Coroner's Office policies may be dismissed from the program.

Hayley Thompson, Coroner

Participant Signature

Date