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Continuous Announcement

## FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SPECIALIST, SENIOR – 20832

**Salary:** \$41,268.00 - \$80,121.60  
Starting salary upon initial appointment to the merit system may be based on various factors.

**Announcement Date:** November 13, 2019

**Revised Date:** September 18, 2024

### JOB INFORMATION

The Forensic Pathology Specialist, Senior is a permanent, full-time position with the Department of Forensic Sciences. Positions are located throughout the state. This position is responsible for highly technical and full performance casework associated with assisting the State Medical Examiner in post-mortem examinations and research into the manner and cause of death.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENT(S)

- For the promotional register, applicants must have current, permanent status as a Forensic Pathology Specialist (20831) in addition to the qualifications listed below.

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited\* four-year college or university in Forensic Science, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Biology, Chemistry, Anthropology, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Pharmacy or a closely related field and four (4) years of experience conducting forensic investigations, performing postmortem examinations, or providing direct patient care in a healthcare setting.

**OR**

- An Associate's degree in Nursing (RN) and six (6) years of experience conducting forensic investigations, performing postmortem examinations, or providing direct patient care in a healthcare setting.

**OR**

- Certification as a Surgical Technician, Radiology Technician, or a closely related certification and six (6) years of experience conducting forensic investigations, performing postmortem examinations, or providing direct patient care in a healthcare setting. You must submit a copy of your certification with the application.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT(S)

- Must be able to move bodies
- Valid driver license at time of appointment
- Employees may be required to work nights, weekends, and holidays and/or travel overnight.
- Applicants must submit an official college transcript for each accredited\* postsecondary academic institution attended. Original transcripts issued to students, photocopies of transcripts, and faxed transcripts will be accepted. Information obtained from the internet will NOT be accepted. Applicants can upload their transcripts when applying online through the Application Portal or attach them to their application when applying by email, mail, or fax. You may also request to have your school, or a third-party transcript service, send your transcript directly to the State Personnel Department at [transcripts@personnel.alabama.gov](mailto:transcripts@personnel.alabama.gov). Official transcripts which have been submitted for any state job will remain on file in our system and will not need to be resubmitted. You may call or email the transcripts email to verify.

### EXAMINATION

- Open-Competitive to all applicants and Promotional to current state employees in the job classification listed above.
- An evaluation of Training and Experience will comprise 100% of the final score for the open-competitive register and 95% of the applicant's final score for the promotional register, with the remaining 5% being based on the average of the applicant's service ratings for the last three years.

### HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an Application for Examination Form available at [www.personnel.alabama.gov](http://www.personnel.alabama.gov), the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
- Apply by mail, by fax, or by email at [apply@personnel.alabama.gov](mailto:apply@personnel.alabama.gov). Applications will be accepted until further notice. The State Personnel Department is not responsible for late receipt of applications due to mail service or faxing malfunctions.

\*Veteran's credits are NOT allowed on promotional examinations.

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\*Please refer to the back of this announcement for complete information on State Personnel's policy for accepting post-secondary and advanced degrees.

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will be ineligible for appointment to or employment in a position in State service for a period of five years and, if the person is an officer or employee of the State, will forfeit his or her office or position.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

**Applicants hired by the State of Alabama on or after January 1, 2012 will be subject to the E-Verify process pursuant to Act No. 2011-535.**

### **State of Alabama Personnel Department**

#### **Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees**

1. Specific college coursework required for a job classification, as well as bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from schools accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) or any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States listed below:

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges –Senior College and University Commission (WASC-SCUC)

College coursework is defined as credit hours leading to a bachelor's degree or higher.

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by one of the above accreditation associations may be accepted if a ***regionally accredited school***\* considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). ***This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.*** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note: This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.

\*The term "regionally accredited school" refers to an institution of higher education accredited by one of the six regional accreditation associations listed above.