

Forensic Pathology

Forensic Pathology is not a well-known field, but it is essential for society. They are responsible for diagnosing a person's COD (Cause of Death) and giving their families closure as well as playing a role in court when needed. The main job of Forensic Pathologists is the examination of dead bodies through autopsies, each one pertaining to a death under question.

In order to become a Forensic pathologist a person needs a minimum of 13 years of schooling. You need a bachelor degree, of any kind, though it is preferred that it pertains to the medical field in some fashion as it can help you in the long run and will make those 4 years more beneficial for you. After completing your bachelors degree you need to apply to medical school then do residency, just these two last about 8 years of the 13 total. And finally you need one year of fellowship and from there you need to take an exam to get board certified. This exam is one facilitated by the American Board of Pathology (ABP).

The typical Forensic pathologist works in well populated areas like California, where most Forensic Pathologist up to date reside. As of a study in 2023 there are less than 700 forensic Pathologists in the U.S. alone, and has a 3% job projected growth rate as of 2022.

Most commonly Forensic Pathologists work 10-12 hours a day and 40-50 hours a week, though this can change depending on the amount of people assigned to you that week and the nature of each assignment. These work hours are typically in the early morning and

nights from Monday to Friday, similar to that of my current schedule as a High schooler.

All in all being a Forensic Parthologist is my desired job and is a great fild to enter as it has a great projected growth rate. The job has a high salary range from fourty one thousand to over onehundread thousand. The lifestyle isn't different from the one I have now so there is no issue there, and I don't mind goong to school for another 13 years if it means I can get my dream job.