



FORENSIC MEDICINE (MS)

A Future of Investigating the Past.


PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our Master of Science (MS) in Forensic Medicine program at our Philadelphia campus prepares students to become lifelong learners by developing analytical and critical-thinking skills.

We also offer a pathway program that serves as an online summer preparatory course designed for non-science majors who possess a bachelor's degree in a forensic-related field. Upon successful completion of the pathway program, students can enter the MS in Forensic Medicine program beginning in the fall semester.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) has been at the forefront of medicine for more than a century. Our holistic approach to investigation teaches students to consider all aspects of a crime scene—scientific and environmental, as well as psychological, factors at play. They search for answers together with peers in mock crime scenes, accident reconstructions and clandestine gravesites. Students also benefit greatly from interacting with our esteemed faculty members with years of experience in their fields. Graduates of our program have the analytical and critical-thinking skills to help achieve justice for those who are unable to speak for themselves.

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 Diversity, equity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our mission. PCOM actively nurtures an environment of curiosity and respect, promoting the discovery and celebration of our differences.





PCOM HAS THE ONLY FORENSIC MEDICINE PROGRAM IN THE REGION LED BY A BOARD-CERTIFIED PATHOLOGIST.

- + STUDENTS COLLABORATE OUTSIDE THEIR DISCIPLINES TO GAIN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.
- + CANDIDATES REQUIRING THE PATHWAY PROGRAM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MS DEGREE PROGRAM, CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PATHWAY PROGRAM.
- + OUR FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE HOLDING INFLUENTIAL POSITIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.
- + GRADUATES OF THE MS IN FORENSIC MEDICINE GO ON TO PURSUE CAREERS SUCH AS CORONERS, FORENSIC INVESTIGATORS, ACCIDENT SCENE INVESTIGATORS AND MORE.

CURRICULUM

Our highly experiential curriculum prepares students to work in the field of forensics. The program is designed with flexible options for working professionals—taking place in-person and online over a two-year period.

YEAR 1: During the first year, students experience an online fall term, as well as face-to-face classes one weekend every month, covering forensic medicine principles and pathology. They also learn about research-design and methodology through an online component.

YEAR 2: In year two, students continue their work online while conducting a capstone project that could potentially involve working with a coroner's office on interesting cases and crime-scene topics. Courses will focus on law, evidentiary procedure, bioethics and evidence-based medicine.

PCOM Forensic Medicine students explore a wide range of topics, including: Forensic Pathology, Anthropology, Odontology and Entomology, Fingerprint, Blood-Splatter and Crime-Scene Analysis, Ballistics, Toxicology, DNA, Arson and Fire Investigation, and Sexual-Assault Victim Evaluation.

LOCATION

Our main campus is located on the outskirts of Philadelphia and features a gym and meditation space for students to utilize for physical and emotional health. It also has video-equipped amphitheaters, research and anatomy labs, a digital library, computer labs and more.



To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.

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