

# 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.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade/year of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

AVAILABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS: Observership can be for (1) full 8-hour day (9am-5pm) at the Coroner's Office to observe the daily operations of the office which can include attending a scene investigation or viewing of an autopsy/body examination. If the participant would like to observe more, the observership can extend up to 5 consecutive days.

Autopsies are not performed daily and are scheduled upon the availability of the forensic pathologist. If the participant is interested in viewing an autopsy, the Coroner's Office will contact the participant when there is an opportunity to observe an autopsy.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Intern Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email application to: [hayleyt@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto: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.

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Hayley Thompson, Coroner

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Participant Signature

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Date