WHAT DOES AN ANATOMIC PATHOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANT DO?

An Anatomic Pathologists’ Assistant (APA) is a highly trained professional who helps surgical pathologists in preparation, gross description and dissection of human tissue and surgical specimens. The APA will also assist to prepare and perform postmortem examinations, coordinate autopsy activities, including photography, specimen coding and report filing. They properly restore bodies for release to the funeral director and confirm legal authorization for special sampling, such as tissue donation and organ transplantation, and perform administrative duties.

The following organization can provide you with further information about a career as an Anatomic Pathologists’ Assistant:

- American Association of Pathologists’ Assistants (AAPA) 1-800-532-AAPA www.pathologistsassistants.org

WHY BECOME AN ANATOMIC PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT?

“The Pathologists’ Assistant Program at Wayne State has provided me with a fantastic foundation for what I’m doing— the curriculum gave me everything I needed to get me where I am today.”

- TRINA SHERLITZ
Pathologists’ Assistant

WHY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY?

Wayne State University is one of America’s premier urban research universities, with more than 33,000 graduate and undergraduate students. The University provides a multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and collaborates closely with government, industry and other institutions on a range of programs.

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) is located on the single largest academic medical campus in the United States and puts you in close proximity to the nation’s leading health care educators. A degree from the College puts you in good company, with more than 12,000 EACPHS-educated health care professionals working in Michigan.

In the Wayne State Anatomic Pathologists’ Assistant program, clinical training is offered in cooperation with the Detroit Medical Center hospitals and the Wayne County Medical Examiner’s Office. Recent graduates have achieved an excellent pass rate on the national examination and are employed in leading medical centers across the nation. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS), and is one of just nine accredited programs in the United States.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application deadline is May 15 of each year. Applicants must successfully complete the admission requirements, which include the application for admission to WSU and the professional program application. Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee admission.
TRINA SHERLITZ graduated from the Wayne State Pathologist’s Assistant program in 2004 - and quickly landed a teaching job in the Pathologists’ Assistant Department at Rosalind Franklin University near Chicago. Her Wayne State background has also enabled her to work as a pathologist’s assistant at nearby Lake Forest Hospital, which lets her bring practical, hands-on experience to her teaching. “I find myself quite blessed to have found this career,” she says. “Every day I wake up in the morning and look forward to work. I get paid to do what I love to do.”

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GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE - May 15th

For a checklist of application requirements:
http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/program/apa-bs-apply.php

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION DUE - May 15th

The Wayne State University Undergraduate Admissions Application is online at the following location:
www.admissions.wayne.edu

Office of Admissions
Welcome Center
42 W. Warren
Detroit, MI 48202
877-WSU-INFO or 313-577-3577

Financial Aid deadline - January 30
313-577-3378
www.financialaid.wayne.edu

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Attend one of our Monthly Information Meetings held the 1st Tuesday of every month. For directions and to register to attend: http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/meetings.php