## COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course offers insight into forensic pathology and medicolegal death investigation as well as the workup and certification of in-hospital deaths. The student will be involved in the performance of autopsies, including the performance of external examinations, collection of trace evidence and fluid/tissue samples for ancillary studies, and basic dissection of the internal organs.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. Identify factors that define a forensic or medicolegal case.
2. Identify the benefits and limitations of medical, or hospital, autopsies
3. Gain a better understanding of traumatic and natural disease processes leading to death
4. Perform external examinations prior to autopsy in order to properly document identifying characteristics, medical alterations, and injuries.
5. Perform autopsy procedures and protocols including collection of trace evidence, collection of fluid and tissue samples for ancillary studies, and basic dissection of the internal organs.
6. Correlate the clinical history, past medical history and pertinent scene findings with the autopsy results

## INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY
Conferences – Two per week (Student responsible for giving one 10-15 minute presentation at the end of the rotation)
Call – One weekend day