

FCE PA 300 | AUTOPSY MEDICINE AND FORENSIC PATHOLOGY
CLINICAL | PATHOLOGY
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Location	UMMS Worcester Medical Examiner Office B Level Quest Diagnostics 200 Forest St Marlborough MA 01752
Day One Instructions	Meet Dr. Dedrick in Albert Sherman Center by the coffee shop at 9AM. Email Kayla Elliott (kayla.elliott@umassmed.edu) the week prior to start of FCE week for additional instructions.

FCE DESCRIPTION

Did you love gross anatomy? Have you ever been interested in seeing what an autopsy entails? This FCE is meant to expose 3rd year medical students to the little known topics of autopsy medicine and forensic pathology. Through time spent with a toxicologist, medical examiners, and pathologists the students will walk away with a better understanding and appreciation for how physicians care for patients even after the patients have died. While this will primarily be an observership, student will delve into topics that are not typically discussed in medical school and will be exposed to a new part of medicine that is not as present in the traditional medical school curriculum. [See page 2 for syllabus.](#)

FCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Appreciate the role of a *medical* autopsy and how it differs from a *forensic* autopsy
- Learn about the different professionals that take part in investigating the death of an individual
- Consider the impact of an autopsy, whether it's forensic or medical, on the patient's family.

UMMS Competencies	Communicator Problem Solver Scientist
Interdisciplinary	Various Pathology Subspecialties such as toxicology, neuropathology, forensic pathology
Interprofessional	Various professional staff
Evaluation Type	Attendance Effort Participation
Evaluation Criteria	Journal [Students have the option of either a daily journal or a reflective essay at the end of the week.]

4900 | Fall 2018

	Block 1A FE1 June 4-8, 2018
	Block 1B FE2 July 9-13, 2018
	Block 1C FE3 July 16-20, 2018
2	Block 2A FE4 September 24-28, 2018
2	Block 2B FE5 October 1-5, 2018
2	Block 2C FE6 November 5-9, 2018

4901 | Spring 2019

	Block 3A FE7 February 4-8, 2019
	Block 3B FE8 March 11-15, 2019
	FE-Spring Break March 18-22, 2019
	Block 3C FE9 March 25-29, 2019

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FCE PA 300 Syllabus

Monday

Dr. Becky Dedrick gives introductory presentation to students about various topics related to autopsy medicine of forensic pathology. Topics including, but not limited to: medical vs forensics autopsy, autopsy procedure, cause vs manner or death, clinical and medicolegal issues with anatomical gifting, perinatal autopsy, certification of death, toxicology and neuropath roles. Discuss emotional impact of doing forensic autopsies. Dr. Dedrick shows students where ME's office of Worcester is (in B level of hospital) in preparation for time there.

Tuesday

Students meet with toxicologist Dr. Jenkins at Quest and learn about the role of toxicology in autopsy medicine (Dr. Jenkins will not be available in September, alternate activity will be arranged.) In the afternoon, meet Dr. Scordi-Bello to go over plan for Wednesday.

Wednesday

Spend day with Dr. Scordi-Bello

Thursday

Morning | with Dr. Scordi-Bello

Afternoon | 2 hours with Dr. Smith to go over neuropath slides (onc, infectious, etc...)

Friday

Either with Dr. Hull (Chief Medical Examiner) or Dr. Dedrick in Holyoke or Boston OCME