

FORENSIC MEDICINE (MS)

The Master's Degree in the Forensic Medicine program is intended for professionals who desire advanced knowledge, skills and credentialing in this specialized health field. Law enforcement professionals, nurse practitioners, paramedics and other mid-level health professionals seeking a graduate degree can benefit from this program. Courses are mostly scheduled one weekend per month (Friday-Sunday) to accommodate the working professional. The Forensic Medicine program focuses on the emerging demand for medico-legal investigations by medical examiner staff and provides a foundation in forensic investigations as well as autopsy skills.

Forensic Medicine Pathway Program

The Forensic Medicine Pathway program is designed for non-science majors who possess a bachelor's degree. This program allows those without an extensive science background to receive the necessary academic preparation for success in future programs at PCOM. The Pathway Program is a 10-week online preparatory course in general cellular biology and human anatomy and physiology that is held from June to August. This is a three credit, pass/fail course that does not apply towards students' cumulative GPA, however, must be successfully completed to continue to the Fall term. It is important to note that no degree or certificate is awarded upon completion of the Pathway program.

Students who do not possess a strong foundation in core sciences may be required to take FMED 499 in the Summer. This is a three credit, pass/fail course which does not apply towards students' cumulative GPA. This requirement must be successfully completed to continue to the Fall term.

First year courses are on-campus except for FMED 500 - Pathology for Forensic Medicine. This course will be online.

All second year courses are online.

First Year

Term 1

Fall		Hours
FMED 500	Pathology for Forensic Medicine (Online course)	4
Hours		4

Term 2

Winter		
FMED 501	Principles of Forensic Medicine I	6
Hours		6

Term 3

Spring		
FMED 502	Principles of Forensic Medicine II	6
Hours		6

Second Year

Term 1

Summer		
FMED 504	Research Design & Methodology	4
Hours		4

Term 2

Fall

FMED 506	Evidence-Based Approach to Forensic Medicine	4
Hours		4
Term 3		
Winter		
FMED 505	Bioethics in Professional Practice	4
Hours		4
Term 4		
Spring		
FMED 513	Law and Evidentiary Procedure	4
Hours		4
Term 5		
Summer		
FMED 508	Capstone: Integrative Experience	8
Hours		8
Total Hours		40