

Pennsylvania State Coroner Basic Education Course ---- December 2025			
Monday, December 1, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
730-800	30	Registration	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
800-815	15	Opening Remarks	Tim Warco, PSCA President; Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
845-1000	75	Pennsylvania Coroner's Statutes, Laws & Legal Issues	Tim Uhrich, PSCA Solicitor
1000-1015	15	Break	
1015-1130	75	Completing Death Certificates & EDRS	PA DOH Evitals on Zoom 30 min; 45 min coroner perspective COD MOD on the DC; Northampton County Coroner's Office
1130-1200	30	Visit by the Attorney General Coroner Education Board	
1200-1300	60	Lunch	
1300-1400	60	Ethics, Morals & Professionalism	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1400-1415	15	Break	
1415-1545	90	Types of Deaths Investigated by the Coroner's Office; The Roles & Duties of the Coroner (Aspects & Concerns from the Urban & Rural Coroner)	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director; Zac Lysek, Northampton County Coroner, Jeff Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1545-1615	30	Media Relations & Social Media in the Coroner's Office	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director; Zac Lysek, Northampton County Coroner, Jeff Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1615-1630	15	Break	
1630-1730	60	Organ and Tissue Procurement and Working with your OPOs	Leif Henry, GOL/TJ Roser, CORE/Zac Lysek, Coroner
1730-1745	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	9.75		

Tuesday, December 2, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0815-1015	120	Indoor Death Scene Investigations; Outdoor Death Scene Investigations	Jeff Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1015-1030	15	Break	
1030-1200	90	Death Scene Photography	Charley Hall, Cumberland County Coroner
1200-1300	60	Lunch	
1300-1400	60	Drug Related Death Investigations, Safety Precautions & Contamination Prevention	Rebecca Patrick, PSP Forensic Services
1400-1500	60	Making Proper Death Notification; Proper identification methods	Charles Kiessling, Lycoming County Coroner
1500-1515	15	Break	
1515-1615	60	Mass Disaster / Casualty Investigations & Challenges to these incident	Charles Kiessling, Lycoming County Coroner
1630-1645	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	8.5		

Wednesday, December 3, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
830-1000	60	Proper Handling of Personal Property & Evidence; evidence preservation and collection	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director; Zac Lysek, Northampton County Coroner
1000-1100	60	Forensic Toxicology	Toxicologist/Coroner
1100-1115	15	Break	
1115-1215	60	Handling & Investigating Hospital and Nursing Home	Scott Lynn, Montour County Coroner
1215-1315	60	Lunch	
1315-1415	60	Investigating Motor Vehicle Collisions	Pam Gay, York County Coroner
1415-1430	15	Break	
1430-1530	60	Forensic Anthropology	Dr. Crist
1530-1545	15	Break	
1545-1445	60	Natural Death Investigations	Scott Lynn, Montour County Coroner
1545-1600	15	Break	
1600-1715	75	Infant & Child Death Investigations	Scott Lynn & Breanna Walters Montour County Coroner's Office
1715-1730	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	9.75		

Thursday, December 4, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0815-0915	45	Cremation Authorizations	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director; Zac Lysek, Northampton County Coroner, Sarah Keppel, Northampton Coroner's Office
0915-1000	15	Break	
1000-1100	60	Data Driven Decision Making	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1100-1200	75	Ruling on Cause & Manner of Death	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1200-1300	60	Lunch	
1300-1400	75	Report Writing	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1400-1415	15	Break	
1415-1515	60	Courtroom Testimony	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director / Court Justice
1515-1530	15	Break	
1530-1645	75	Forensic Odontology	Dr. Nase
1645-1700	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	8.75		

Friday, December 5, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	
0815-0915	60	Fire & Explosion Related Scene & Death Investigations	Ray Anthony
0915-0930	15	Break	
0930-1030	60	Thermal & Burn Related Injuries & Autopsy Examinations	Dr. Michael Johnson
1030-1045	15	Break	
1045-1145	60	Autopsy Procedures and Photography	Dr. Michael Johnson
1145-1245	60	Blunt Force Injuries	Dr. Michael Johnson
1245-1345	60	Lunch	
1345-1445	60	Suffocation, Strangulation, Drowning & Hanging Related	Dr. Michael Johnson
1445-1500	15	Break	
1500-1600	60	Gunshot Wounds	Dr. Michael Johnson
1600-1615	15	Break	
1615-1715	60	Sharp and Incised Wounds	Dr. Michael Johnson
1715-1730	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	9.5		

Saturday, December 6, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0815-0845	30	Family Advocacy and Outreach	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0845-0900	15	PSCA Overview, Website Review, Membership	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director, Matt Yancosek
0900-1000	60	Mental Wellness in the Coroner's Office	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1000-1015		Break	
1015-1045	30	Final Exam Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1045-1100	15	Break	
1100-1300	120	EXAM	
Total Hours	4.75		