

Pennsylvania State Coroner Basic Education Course			
Monday, March 2, 2026			
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	PSCA Overview, Website Review, Membership	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director; Matthew Yancosek, Web Administrator
1200-1300	60	Lunch	
1300-1400	60	Ethics, Morals & Professionalism	Jeremy Reese, Columbia County Coroner
1400-1415	15	Break	
1415-1545	90	Types of Deaths Investigated by the Coroner's Office; History, The Roles & Duties of the Coroner (Aspects & Concerns from the Urban & Rural Coroner)	Jeremy Reese, Columbia County Coroner; Zac Lysek, Northampton County Coroner, Jeff Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1545-1615	30	Media Relations & Social Media in the Coroner's Office	Jeremy Reese, Columbia 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/Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1730-1745	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	9.75		

Tuesday, March 3, 2026			
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	
1030-1100	30	Visit from the Attorney General Board of Education	C. Schmidt, A. Jury
1100-1230	90	Death Scene Photography	Charley Hall, Cumberland County Coroner
1230-1330	60	Lunch	
1330-1400	30	Data Driven Decision Making	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1400-1500	60	Drug Related Death Investigations, Safety Precautions & Contamination Prevention	Emily Wilkinson, Dan Wolfe; Allegheny County Medical Examiner
1500-1600	60	Making Proper Death Notification; Proper identification methods	Charles Kiessling, Lycoming County Coroner
1600 - 1615	15	Break	
1615-1715	60	Mass Disaster / Casualty Investigations & Challenges to these incident	Charles Kiessling, Lycoming County Coroner
1715-1730	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	9.5		

Wednesday, March 4, 2026			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0830-930	60	Proper Handling of Personal Property & Evidence; evidence preservation and collection	Richard Johnson, Lawrence County Coroner
0930-1030	60	Natural Death Investigations	Richard Johnson, Lawrence County Coroner
1030-1130	60	Forensic Toxicology	Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office, Scientist Rafeal Gelpi, Toxicology Manager Dr. Derek Haas, Medical Examiner Dr. Ariel Goldschmidt
1130-1145	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	Jeff Lees, Cambria County Coroner
1415-1430	15	Break	
1430-1530	60	Forensic Anthropology	Dr. Andrea Palmiotto
1530-1545	15	Break	
1545-1645	60	Cremation Authorizations and Unclaimed Remains	Scott Lynn, Montour County Coroner, Westmoreland County Coroners Office
1645-1700	15	Break	
1700-1815	75	Infant & Child Death Investigations	Scott Lynn & Breanna Walters Montour County Coroners Office
1815-1830	15	Questions and Closing Remarks	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
Total Hours	10.75		

Thursday, December 4, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0815-0915	60	Forensic Autopsy Procedures and Autopsy Photography	Dr. Jennifer Hammers, Forensic Pathologist
0915-1000	15	Break	
1000-1100	60	Blunt Force Injuries	Dr. Jennifer Hammers, Forensic Pathologist
1100-1200	75	Ruling on Cause & Manner of Death	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1200-1300	60	Lunch	
1300-1400	75	Report Writing	Matthew Yancosek, Washington County Coroners Office
1400-1415	15	Break	
1415-1515	60	Gunshot Wounds	Dr. Todd Lucksaevic, Forensic Pathologist
1515-1530	15	Break	
1530-1645	60	Courtroom Testimony	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
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	Autopsy Procedures and Fluid Draws	Allegheny County Office of the Medical Examiner
0915-0930	15	Break	
0930-1030	60	Fire & Explosion Related Scene & Death Investigations	Donald Brucker, Allegheny County Fire Marshal
1030-1045	15	Break	
1045-1145	60	Thermal & Burn Related Injuries & Autopsy Examinations	Dr. Goldschmidt, Allegheny County Medical Examiner
1145-1300	75	Lunch	
1300-1400	60	Sharp and Incised Wounds	Dr. Ashton Ennis, Forensic Pathologist
1400-1415	15	Break	
1415-1515	60	Suffocation, Strangulation, Drowning & Hanging Related	Dr. Ashton Ennis, Forensic Pathologist
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	9		

Saturday, December 6, 2025			
Time	Length	Topic	Instructor
0800-0815	15	Course Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0815-0900	45	Family Advocacy and Outreach	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
0900-1000	60	Mental Wellness in the Coroner's Office	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1000-1015	15	Break	
1015-1045	30	Final Exam Review	Mandy Tinkey, PSCA Executive Director
1045-1100	15	Break	
1100-1300	120	EXAM	
Total Hours	5		