

FAQ's for CCA Certification

Q. When I attend the autopsies, do they all have to be signed off by a Forensic Pathologist?

A. Three of the autopsies must be signed by a Forensic Pathologist, and two can be signed by a hospital pathologist (must be natural deaths).

Q. It says that the investigations must be signed off by a certified death investigator. Does it have to be a CCA Certified Death Investigator or will any certified death investigator work?

A. It must be a CCA Certified Death Investigator who signs off on your Application.

Q. How long do I have to complete the Application?

A. You have 4 years from start to finish. Autopsies, Investigations, and Classes/Seminars done prior to the application can't be used.

Q. How long do I have to get re-certified after my Certification expires?

A. You have a one-year Grace period to submit your paperwork. After the one-year grace period, the process will need to be started over.

Q. I can't find my High School Diploma. Will my College Diploma or transcripts work?

A. Yes

Q. Why are the CCA Certified Death Investigators signing for my investigations?

A. They are confirming that you have investigated/attended the cases.

Q. I don't currently work at a Coroner's Office, can I still re-certify?

A. No. You have to be currently working at a Coroner's Office. The Coroner has to sign off on your application verifying the information is true and accurate.