

State Licensure



Each state has their own licensure requirements separate from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service's (DIFS) graduation requirements. DIFS's national accreditation with the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) allows a student to sit for the National Board Examination (NBE) in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. However, some states may require additional education and/or specific college courses be taken prior to issuing a license. It is recommended that students review their state licensure requirements prior to and/or during their enrollment at DIFS. All students should reach out to an academic advisor with questions about licensure so they may be directed to the proper person to assist them.

The information provided below denotes whether DIFS's programs meet the funeral service education requirements for each state. It is not intended to indicate that our programs meet all the requirements for licensure. The first column (AAS (Teach-Out)/AAS) indicates whether this degree from DIFS meets the funeral service education requirements for a combined funeral director/embalmer license in the listed state. An asterisk indicates that there may be additional education requirements. The last column concerns Funeral Director Only license educational requirements. The name of each state is a link to where you may find the laws/rules/regulations for licensure for that state. It is recommended that you check with your state funeral service licensing board as regulations change frequently.

Dallas Institute Degrees and Certificates may lead to licensure in the following states:

AAS (Teach-Out) – Associate of Applied Science ([On Campus](#)), ([Online](#))

AAS – [Associate of Applied Science](#)

FD Cert – Funeral Director Certificate ([On Campus](#)), ([Online](#))

State	AAS (Teach-Out)/AAS	FD Cert
Alabama	Yes	Yes**
Alaska	Yes	No
Arizona	Yes	No
Arkansas	Yes	No
California	Yes	No
Colorado	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	No
Delaware	Yes	No
District of Columbia	Yes	No
Florida	Yes	No
Georgia	Yes	No
Hawaii	Yes	No
Idaho	Yes*	No
Illinois	Yes	No
Indiana	Yes*	No
Iowa	Yes*	No

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Kansas	Yes	No
Kentucky	Yes	No
Louisiana	Yes*	Yes
Maine	Yes	No
Maryland	Yes	No
Massachusetts	Yes	No
Michigan	Yes*	No
Minnesota	Yes*	No
Mississippi	Yes	No
Missouri	Yes	Yes
Montana	Yes*	No
Nebraska	Yes*	No
Nevada	Yes*	No
New Hampshire	Yes	No
New Jersey	Yes*	No
New Mexico	Yes	No
New York	Yes	No
North Carolina	Yes	No
North Dakota	Yes*	No
Ohio	Yes*	No
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes
Oregon	Yes	No
Pennsylvania	Yes*	No
Rhode Island	Yes	No
South Carolina	Yes	No
South Dakota	Yes	No
Tennessee	Yes	No
Texas	Yes	Yes
Utah	Yes	No
Vermont	Yes	No
Virginia	Yes	No
Washington	Yes	No
West Virginia	Yes*	No
Wisconsin	Yes	No
Wyoming	Yes*	No

* Further education may be required for state licensure

** Certificate is only for funeral director license; will not be eligible to sit for NBE

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Additional Licensing Resources

Regulations in Licensing: <https://theconferenceonline.org/licensing-requirements/>

State Licensing Boards and Requirements: <https://nfda.org/careers/licensing-requirements>

State Authorization

Please note that California does not participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). Consequently, the California Higher Education Committee does not officially recognize an online educational program from an institution outside of California without prior approval. Dallas Institute of Funeral Service does not hold such approval, nor is it required. However, many California students have earned our accredited Associate of Applied Science degree (Teach-Out) and have successfully become licensed funeral service practitioners in California.

For embalmer licensure, the California Cemetery and Funeral Bureau requires graduation from a mortuary college accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE).

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service (DIFS) and the Funeral Service associate degree program offered by DIFS are accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (816) 233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org