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A non-profit institution dedicated to education and research for the funeral service profession

The information contained in this catalog is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

Joseph Finocchiaro

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President

Accreditation Statement

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.

State Approval

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, 3909 South Buckner Blvd., Dallas, TX 75227, is approved and regulated by the Texas Workforce Commission, Career Schools and Colleges, Austin, Texas.

Other Approvals

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
State Boards, Commissions and Agencies of Funeral Service
State Approval for Veteran Training
State Approval for Vocational Rehabilitation Training
NC-SARA

Non-discrimination Statement

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P. L. 88-32) we accept students without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or veteran status.

Note: The Student Rules, Catalog, and Student Handbook, in all or in part, is subject to change without notice.

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Message from the President



Welcome to Dallas Institute of Funeral Service.

It is an honor to serve as President of this distinguished institution and to welcome you as you begin a meaningful and transformative journey into the funeral service profession. You have chosen a path defined by service, integrity, and compassion, and we are proud to walk alongside you as you prepare for this important work.

At Dallas Institute, our commitment to academic excellence and professional preparation remains at the heart of everything we do. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to provide a strong foundation in both theory and hands-on practice. Guided by experienced faculty who are dedicated educators and seasoned professionals, you will gain the knowledge, technical skills, and confidence needed to succeed in this field.

Beyond the classroom, we are devoted to cultivating a culture grounded in respect, empathy, and ethical responsibility. Funeral service is more than a career—it is a calling to support families during some of their most difficult and personal moments. Our responsibility is to ensure you graduate not only as capable professionals, but as individuals who lead with compassion and uphold the highest standards of care.

Your time here will challenge you, inspire you, and prepare you for a rewarding future. I encourage you to fully engage in your education—ask questions, embrace hands-on learning opportunities, and build strong relationships with your peers and mentors. Our faculty and staff are committed to your success and stand ready to support you throughout your journey.

Thank you for choosing Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. We are privileged to be part of your professional development and look forward to the contributions you will make to the communities you will serve.

Sincerely,

Joseph Finocchiaro

Joseph Finocchiaro, President
Dallas Institute of Funeral Service

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Academic Calendar	2026	2027
New Years Day Holiday - College Closed	Jan 1	Jan 1
Winter Quarter Begins - First Day of Classes	Jan 5	Jan 4
Tuition Due	Jan 5	Jan 4
First Installment of TIP Due	Jan 5	Jan 4
Add/Drop Period	Jan 5-11	Jan 4-10
Last Day to Withdraw with Full Refund of Tuition	Jan 11	Jan 10
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - College Closed	Jan 19	Jan 18
Second Installment of TIP Due	Feb 1	Feb 1
Open House On-Campus and Virtual	Feb 6	Feb 6
Presidents' Day Holiday – College Closed	Feb 16	Feb 15
Third Installment of TIP Due	Mar 1	Mar 1
Bootcamp Review - Sciences	Mar 5	Mar 4
Bootcamp Review - Arts	Mar 6	Mar 5
Last Quarter Final Exams	Mar 9	Mar 8
Last Quarter Grades Due by 1 PM	Mar 13	Mar 12
On Campus End of Program Requirements – Teachout Program		
Clinical Embalming Proficiency Observations and Restorative Art Lab	Mar 16-17	Mar 15-16
On Campus Laboratory Requirements – New Program		
Embalming & Restorative Art Laboratory On Campus Experiences	Mar 16-17	Mar 15-16
Quarter Final Exams for all continuing students	Mar 16-19	Mar 15-18
Winter Quarter Last Day of Classes	Mar 19	Mar 18
Winter Quarter Final Grades Due by 1 pm	Mar 20	Mar 19

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Quarter Break - No Classes	Mar 23-Apr 4	Mar 22-Apr 2
Orientation for New Spring Quarter Students	Apr 1	Mar 31
Spring Quarter Begins - First Day of Classes	Apr 6	Apr 5
Tuition Due	Apr 6	Apr 5
First Installment of TIP Due	Apr 6	Apr 5
Add/Drop Period	Apr 6-12	Apr 5-11
Last Day to Withdraw with Full Refund of Tuition	Apr 12	Apr 11
Second Installment of TIP Due	May 1	May 1
Open House On-Campus and Virtual	May 1	May 8
Commencement Ceremony	May 8	May 21
Memorial Day Holiday - College Closed	May 25	May 31
Third Installment of TIP Due	Jun 1	Jun 1
Bootcamp Review - Sciences	Jun 4	Jun 3
Bootcamp Review - Arts	Jun 5	Jun 4
Last Quarter Final Exams	Jun 8-11	Jun 7
Last Quarter Grades Due by 1 PM	Jun 12	Jun 11
On Campus End of Program Requirements – Teachout Program		
Clinical Embalming Proficiency Observations	Jun 15-16	Jun 14-15
On Campus Laboratory Requirements – New Program		
Embalming & Restorative Art Laboratory On Campus Experiences	Jun 15-16	Jun 14-15
Quarter Final Exams for all continuing students	Jun 15-18	Jun 14-17
Spring Quarter Last Day of Classes	Jun 18	Jun 17
Juneteenth Holiday - College Closed	Jun 19	Jun 18
Spring Quarter Final Grades Due by 1 pm	Jun 19	Jun 18

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Quarter Break - No Classes	Jun 22-Jul 3	Jun 21-Jul 2
Orientation for New Summer Quarter Students	Jul 1	Jun 30
Fourth of July Holiday - College Closed	Jul 3	Jul 5
Summer Quarter Begins - First Day of Classes	Jul 6	Jul 6
Tuition Due	Jul 6	Jul 6
First Installment of TIP Due	Jul 6	Jul 6
Add/Drop Period	Jul 6-12	Jul 6-12
Last Day to Withdraw with Full Refund of Tuition	Jul 12	Jul 12
Second Installment of TIP Due	Aug 1	Aug 1
Open House On-Campus and Virtual	Aug 7	Aug 7
Third Installment of TIP Due	Sep 1	Sep 1
Bootcamp Review - Sciences	Sep 3	Sep 2
Bootcamp Review - Arts	Sep 4	Sep 3
Labor Day Holiday - College Closed	Sep 7	Sep 6
Last Quarter Final Exams	Sep 7-10	Sep 6
Last Quarter Grades Due by 1 PM	Sep 11	Sep 10
On Campus End of Program Requirements – Teachout Program		
Clinical Embalming Proficiency Observations	Sept 14-15	Sept 13-14
On Campus Laboratory Requirements – New Program		
Embalming & Restorative Art Laboratory On Campus Experiences	Sept 14-15	Sept 13-14
Quarter Final Exams for all continuing students	Sep 14-17	Sep 13-16
Summer Quarter Last Day of Classes	Sep 17	Sep 16
Summer Quarter Final Grades Due by 1 pm	Sep 18	Sep 17
Quarter Break - No Classes	Sep 21-Oct 2	Sep 20-Oct 1

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Orientation for New Fall Quarter Students	Sep 30	Sep 29
Fall Quarter Begins - First Day of Classes	Oct 5	Oct 4
Tuition Due	Oct 5	Oct 4
First Installment of TIP Due	Oct 5	Oct 4
Add/Drop Period	Oct 5-11	Oct 4-10
Last Day to Withdraw with Full Refund of Tuition	Oct 11	Oct 10
Indigenous Peoples' Day - No Classes - College Offices Open	Oct 12	Oct 11
Second Installment of TIP Due	Nov 1	Nov 1
Open House On-Campus and Virtual	Nov 6	Nov 6
Veteran's Day Holiday – College Closed	Nov 11	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Holiday – College Closed	Nov 26-27	Nov 25-26
Third Installment of TIP Due	Dec 1	Dec 1
Bootcamp Review - Sciences	Dec 3	Dec 2
Bootcamp Review - Arts	Dec 4	Dec 3
Last Quarter Final Exams	Dec 7	Dec 6
Last Quarter Grades Due by 1 PM	Dec 11	Dec 10
On Campus End of Program Requirements – Teachout Program		
Clinical Embalming Proficiency Observations	Dec 14-15	Dec 13-14
On Campus Laboratory Requirements – New Program		
Embalming & Restorative Art Laboratory On Campus Experiences	Dec 14-15	Dec 13-14
Quarter Final Exams for all continuing students	Dec 14-17	Dec 13-16
Fall Quarter Last Day of Classes	Dec 17	Dec 16
Fall Quarter Final Grades Due by 1 pm	Dec 18	Dec 17

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Quarter Break - No Classes	Dec 21-Jan 1	Dec 20-Jan 7
Christmas Holiday - College Closed	Dec 25	Dec 24
Orientation for New Winter Quarter Students	Dec 31	Dec 30

Accreditation

Accreditation is a voluntary activity initiated by the institution that requires a rigorous self-evaluation and an independent, objective appraisal of the overall educational quality by peers. Accreditation emphasizes quality assurance and a commitment to continuous quality enhancement.

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The ABFSE is an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org in the Directory of Accredited Programs.

Board of Directors

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is a member of Pierce Mortuary Colleges, Inc. It is a non-profit IRS 501(c)(3) corporation. The Board of Directors, in its responsibilities for Pierce Mortuary Colleges, is committed to the fulfillment of the College's mission and strategic plan. The Board defines the vision, oversees the financial planning, develops and advances the College's mission and goals, and determines the broad policies.

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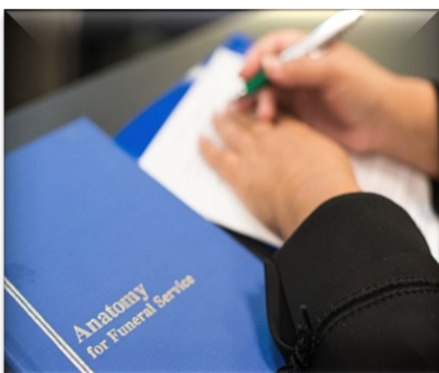
Instructors

Our team of instructors may be found [here](#).

College Facilities

Building

The college facilities were designed and constructed to include the utmost in comfort, beauty, and utility for both the students and faculty. Over two and a half acres of parking is provided On-Campus for the convenience of the students, visitors, and faculty. The building itself contains over 19,000 square feet. It includes: an administrative and faculty office area, spacious lecture rooms, each with cutting edge audio/visual equipment, state-of-the-art laboratories for computer applications, restorative art, and embalming; a well-equipped library, an open-air atrium and a large student center with a refreshment area and adjoining kitchen.



Hours of Operation

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is committed to responsiveness and timely service to our students. Our college is open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Teaching Aids

In the instructional areas of the college, the lecture classrooms are equipped with visual aids designed specifically to assist the student during the course of study. LCD projectors are provided in each classroom. By preparing complicated study material like diagrams as presentation and projecting using LCD projectors, teachers are able to engage multiple learning styles. The use of teaching aids allows the students to understand cycles, flowcharts, structures and diagrams, which ultimately increases students visual impact and improves students' focus. Instructors are provided with interactive learning collaboration tools to use in their classroom. In addition, the Restorative Art Laboratory is fully equipped with

casts, molds, waxes, modeling instruments, cosmetics and cosmetic masks, as well as other materials used for instruction in the practice of Restorative Art, including modeling techniques and applied cosmetology. Extensive visual aids are used in this laboratory to assist the student in achieving technical and practical proficiency in this important aspect of their professional training.

Library

The Dallas Institute of Funeral Service library is an integral component of student enrichment, regardless of whether utilized for general education, liberal arts courses, or mortuary science research. The J. Frank Pierce Library contains a solid core of reference books and other literature directly pertaining to the funeral service profession, including professional periodicals and journals. Books for both general education and mortuary science courses provide the students with a wide variety of choices for their curriculum needs. The J. Frank Pierce Library is available daily during normal operating hours of the College.

In conjunction with the J. Frank Pierce Library, Dallas Institute of Funeral Service provides students and faculty with online library resources and services through consortium membership and subscriptions with the Library & Information Resources Network (LIRN). The Dallas Institute of Funeral Service subscribes to research databases from Gale Cengage, Credo, and ProQuest to provide access to content from eBooks, e-journals, e-magazines, and e-news sources covering topics relevant to general education, applied science, and funeral services supporting all components of curriculum objectives. Students & faculty can access the online library resources 24/7. To connect to the online library, access the LIRN Portal via the login credentials and path provided. Pierce Mortuary Colleges is supported by a team of Librarians through the “Librarian” link on the right side of the LIRN Portal page and complete the help request form. Librarians can follow-up via email, phone call, or screen-share as applicable.

The library is open daily during the normal operating hours of the college for student use and to funeral service practitioners for reference and research.

An application for enrollment can be found on our website, <https://www.dallasinstitute.edu/apply>. The application should be completed as far in advance of the enrollment date as possible to allow for proper processing of the application.

Educational Licensing Requirements

Educational requirements are prescribed by statute as well as rules and regulations of the funeral service licensing board of the state in which a student desires to obtain licensure following graduation from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. It is essential that an applicant be familiar with these requirements before enrollment. Licensing criteria vary considerably from state to state so it is strongly recommended that the applicant contact the state licensing board or the Admissions Office to ensure compliance in advance of graduation; students may also visit <https://dallasinstitute.edu/academics/state-licensure>, for further information on Licensing. The minimum requirement for admission in all cases is high school graduation or its equivalent.

Many states require fingerprinting and background check upon application for professional licensure. Additionally, many funeral homes require a background check as well as drug testing prior to employment. Individuals who possess a criminal record or history of bad character may be denied licensure in certain states because of the wording of their rules and laws even though a student successfully completes mortuary school.

Application and Acceptance

The application for matriculation should be completed online at the following link, <https://www.dallasinstitute.edu/apply>. In addition, the following items are required for admission and acceptance to the College:

- 1) A completed application for the program desired;
- 2) The \$50.00 non-refundable application fee;
- 3) Applicants must complete a set of enrollment documents through DocuSign for the desired program;
- 4) A high school transcript certifying graduation, or a GED certificate and scores sent directly to the college from the certifier, or an equivalency is required;
- 5) Official transcripts from all other educational institutions previously attended by the applicant should also be sent directly to the college from the certifier;
- 6) A recent photograph for ID purposes only;
 - a. A driver's license or state identification card is preferred.
- 7) Evidence that the applicant has had the Bacterial Meningitis immunization or is exempt from the requirement.

The college reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant when it is in the best interest of the College, staff, faculty, students and the funeral service profession.

When the application and required admissions documentation have been submitted to the Admissions Office, your application will be processed, and an admissions decision will be made.

Should there be any missing documents, you may be contacted via email to provide them prior to an approval of acceptance.

Admission of International Students

At this time, Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is not SEVIS approved by the Department of Homeland Security to accept international students.

Transfer Credit Policy

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service values the academic achievements of students transferring from other institutions and is committed to facilitating a seamless transition. This policy outlines the criteria and procedures for the acceptance of transfer credits from academic institutions accredited by an agency that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). This ensures both academic integrity and the relevance of transferred coursework.

Evaluation and Granting of Credit for Previous Education, Training, and Experience

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service evaluates each applicant's previous education, training, and experience, including military education, training, and experience, and grants credit where warranted. Credit is granted when the documented prior learning is applicable to the student's program of study, is substantially equivalent to the content and requirements of an eligible College course, and satisfies the conditions and limitations stated in this policy.

Evaluation Process

1. **Disclosure and documentation.** Applicants must disclose all previous postsecondary education and training and submit official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended. Applicants seeking consideration of military learning must submit applicable official military records, such as a Joint Services Transcript or Community College of the Air Force transcript, and any other documentation requested by the Admissions and/or Registrar's Office.
2. **Academic review.** The Registrar's Office reviews the documentation and may consult with the appropriate academic administrator or faculty member. The review considers course content and learning outcomes, academic level, credit or contact hours, grade earned, date completed, and any required proficiency examination. The course-specific standards and exclusions below also apply.
3. **Military review.** Previous military education, training, and experience are evaluated under the same course eligibility, documentation, recency, grade, proficiency examination, and non-transferable course requirements stated in this policy. Credit is granted when the applicable requirements are met.
4. **Decision and application of credit.** The College documents the evaluation and notifies the student of the credit granted. Approved credit is posted to the student's academic record and applied to the program of study. Where credit is granted, the

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College makes appropriate adjustments to the student's remaining program requirements, program length, and price, as applicable.

Submission of documentation does not guarantee that credit will be awarded. Credit is granted only when warranted under this policy and applicable regulatory, accrediting, and program requirements.

General Transfer Credit Acceptance

Transfer credits are accepted for the following courses, regardless of the time elapsed since their completion:

- ENG 100: English Grammar and Composition
- MAT 100: Mathematics for Business

Transfer credit for these courses will be granted based on official transcripts that indicate a minimum grade of "C" or its equivalent.

Time-Sensitive Transfer Credits

For the following courses, transfer credit acceptance is contingent upon the following conditions:

- The course must have been completed within the four (4) years preceding the transfer to the College.
- The official transcript must reflect a minimum grade of "C" or its equivalent.

Time-Sensitive Courses:

- SCI 100: Introduction to Natural Sciences
- TEC 101: Introduction to Technology
- SCI 202: Anatomical Foundations
- SCI 222: Introduction to Microbiology
- MGMT 101: Small Business Management
- SCI 102: Introduction to Social Sciences
- LAW 203: Practical Issues in Business Law

Non-Transferable Courses

Due to the specialized nature of the curriculum, transfer credits will not be accepted for any Funeral Service Core (COR) courses or Capstone (CAP) courses.

Retake Requirement

Students who have completed any time-sensitive course(s) more than four (4) years prior to transferring must retake the course(s) at the College to receive credit. This retake requirement does not apply to ENG 100 or MAT 100.

Students with Disabilities

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is fully committed to providing educational services to all individuals, regardless of disabilities they may have. To accommodate individuals with disabilities, it is the policy of Dallas Institute of Funeral Service to:

- 1) Administer educational courses in facilities that are accessible to individuals with disabilities or to make alternative arrangements; and
- 2) Make such modifications to its courses and curriculum as are necessary to ensure that the place and manner in which the course is given are accessible to individuals with disabilities; and
- 3) Provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services for persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills.

However, Dallas Institute of Funeral Service will not admit any individuals to its programs or offer modifications and auxiliary aids to such individuals if any of the following conditions apply:

- 1) If the individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, or
- 2) If the modification in the course or the provision of the auxiliary aid or service requested will fundamentally alter the course of study or result in an undue burden to Pierce Mortuary Colleges, or
- 3) If the individual cannot meet the basic eligibility criteria set forth below or elsewhere in the admissions policies and requirements of Dallas Institute of Funeral Service.

Add/Drop Policy

The add/drop period is the time at the beginning of the quarter when students can enroll, change, or drop courses without penalty. Dallas Institute offers students the opportunity to add or drop a course through the first seven (7) calendar days of the quarter. In extenuating circumstances, the Dean can approve exceptions to the policy in the first fourteen (14) calendar days of the term/quarter. Students who do not post attendance in all their courses during the add/drop period will be withdrawn from the program.

For students who add or drop a course(s), tuition will be billed or refunded in accordance with the Tuition & Fees, Cancellation, and Refund policies.

Dropping or adding course(s) may impact a student's financial aid eligibility. A student is not eligible for financial aid for any course in which he or she fails to begin attendance. The determination as to whether a student has begun attendance will be made prior to the disbursement of any financial aid funds. It is a student's responsibility to discuss the impacts on financial aid eligibility with the financial aid team prior to submitting the request to add or drop a course(s).

To add or drop a course(s), a student consults with the Registrar's Office for current processes and procedures and completes all necessary steps before the deadline stated above.

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*The add/drop period may be adjusted due to holidays, inclement weather, or other mitigating or unforeseen circumstances.

Military and Veteran Application Fee Waiver

At Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, we honor the valuable contributions of our military and veteran students. We recognize the unique strengths you bring to our campus community, as well as the distinct challenges you may face. To support your educational journey, we offer an application fee waiver for eligible U.S. military service members and veterans.

Eligibility for Application Fee Waiver

The application fee is waived for:

- Active-Duty U.S. Military personnel
- Members of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR)
- U.S. Military Veterans who have been honorably discharged from Active Duty or IRR

Our Admissions and Financial Aid staff are committed to assisting active-duty members, veterans, IRR participants, and military family members.

Approved Military Branches and Statuses

Eligible individuals must have served or be currently serving in one of the following:

Air Force

- Active Duty
- Reserves (IRR)
- National Guard (IRR)

Army

- Active Duty
- Reserves (IRR)
- National Guard (IRR)

Coast Guard

- Active Duty
- Reserves (IRR)

Marine Corps

- Active Duty
- Reserves (IRR)

Navy

- Active Duty
- Reserves (IRR)

Required Documentation

To receive the waiver, applicants must submit one or more of the following:

For Veterans:

- **DD Form 214** – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (must indicate *Honorable Discharge*)
- **DD Form 256** – Honorable Discharge Certificate (National Guard or Reserves)
- **DD Form 257** – General Discharge Certificate (National Guard or Reserves)

For Active Duty or IRR Members:

- A signed statement from your unit commander verifying current status and standing
- A current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)

Fee Waiver Approval Process

1. All documentation will be reviewed by the VA Certifying Official (SCO) for approval.
2. If the SCO is unavailable, the College President may perform this function.
3. Once approved, the waiver will be processed, and the application fee will be officially credited from your account.

Distance Learning

Dallas Institute's distance learning program allows its students the opportunity to complete their programs and/or their courses off campus.

Distance learning classes are delivered to the student through the internet, allowing the student to forego the time he or she would normally spend in the classroom. To be successful in a distance learning course, excellent time management skills are necessary as distance learning courses still require study time and commitment.

What programs are available through distance learning?

The Associate of Applied Science and Funeral Directors Certificate Program are available through distance learning. You may find more information on these programs here:

- [Associate of Applied Science](#)
- [Funeral Directors Certificate](#)

Textbooks

Textbooks that have an electronic version available will be provided to students in the electronic form. The electronic version does provide students with the opportunity to download the textbook to an electronic device which allows students to make notations/highlights for their own use. Students who prefer physical copies can elect to purchase textbooks through 3rd-party vendors when available.

What are grading and testing procedures?

The grade of a student in any course represents all the work of the student in the course, including assignments and examinations, combined in such proportion as the instructor in charge of the course may decide. Course assignments and discussions are completed online. Exams may be completed online. Make-up of incomplete course work will be solely at the discretion of the instructor.

The College maintains complete records of the academic progress of all students. The students will be given access to their grades at the end of each academic quarter.

How do distance learning programs/courses compare to programs/courses on-campus?

Attending a distance learning program, a student receives the same quality education as those in a traditional face-to-face program. Our programs provide the same level of service found on-campus, the same quality of instruction, and a variety of learning options. Our online and distance learning programs are designed for individuals who are seeking an alternative to the on-campus experience yet expect the same rigorous course load and same prestigious degree.

Potential Challenges of Distance Learning

While distance learning offers flexibility and convenience, it also presents unique challenges that students should be prepared to navigate:

- **Limited Face-to-Face Interaction:** Students may find it difficult to build relationships with instructors and peers due to the absence of in-person communication. This can lead to a sense of isolation and may impact collaborative learning experiences.
- **Self-Discipline and Motivation:** Without the structure of a traditional classroom, students must be highly self-motivated and capable of managing their time effectively to stay on track with coursework.
- **Technology Requirements:** A reliable internet connection and access to a functional computer or electronic device are essential. Technical difficulties or a lack of familiarity with online platforms can hinder learning.
- **Delayed Feedback:** Communication with instructors and peers often occurs asynchronously, which can lead to delays in receiving feedback or answers to questions.
- **Learning Style Compatibility:** Not all students thrive in a digital learning environment. Those who prefer hands-on activities or direct instruction may find distance learning less effective.

By being aware of these potential hurdles, students can take proactive steps to ensure a successful online learning experience.

Auditing Courses

Auditing a course applies to alumni and current students only. Students seeking to audit a course will contact the Registrar to register for the course(s) and must be added prior to the end of the add/drop period. Only courses that were previously completed at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service with a “C” grade or higher can be audited. No academic credit is earned for auditing a course. Students who have been dismissed from the College for academic or disciplinary reasons or are otherwise ineligible to attend classes, are not eligible to audit classes.

Auditing course(s) must be approved by the Academic Dean and is subject to class availability and is limited by students needing the course(s) for credit requirements. Students auditing courses are charged the current per credit tuition rate for the course in addition to any course materials deemed necessary by the instructor/College for the overall success of the course.

The grade “AU” reflects course audits on academic transcripts.

Advanced Placement

First-year students who have taken the College Board Advanced Placement Examination may be eligible for as many as 20 credits towards specific general education courses at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. Students who wish to have their scores considered should request that the College Board send them directly to Dallas Institute of Funeral Service (DIFS code: 7032). Scores of 3 and above may result in credit.

Enrollment

AP Exam	Score	Course Approved	Credit Hours
<i>Precalculus</i>	3+	MAT 100 – Mathematics for Business	3
<i>Calculus AB</i>	3+	MAT 100 – Mathematics for Business	3
<i>Calculus BC</i>	3+	MAT 100 – Mathematics for Business	3
<i>Statistics</i>	3+	MAT 100 – Mathematics for Business	3
<i>English Language & Composition</i>	3+	ENG 100 – English Grammar and Composition	4
<i>English Literature & Composition</i>	3+	ENG 100 – English Grammar and Composition	4
<i>Research</i>	3+	ENG 100 – English Grammar and Composition	4
<i>Seminar</i>	3+	ENG 100 – English Grammar and Composition	4

Articulation Agreements

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service strives to create and maintain articulation agreements between itself and other colleges and/or programs. Articulation agreements benefit the student in understanding the transferability of credits and courses.

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service articulation agreements may be found here, <https://dallasinstitute.edu/academics/articulation-agreements/>.

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Quarter Credit Hour Definition

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service defines a quarter credit hour as an instructional period consisting of:

- Lecture, recitation, or classroom instruction:
One 50-minute session per week over an eleven-week quarter.
- Laboratory instruction:
One quarter credit hour is awarded for each two hours of laboratory instruction per week.
- Clinical experience:
One quarter credit hour is awarded for each three hours of clinical experience per week.

Tuition Charges

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service charges tuition on a quarterly basis according to the number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled.

For all students enrolling or reenrolling on or after July 2026, the tuition rate will be:

- \$340.00 per quarter credit hour enrolled.

Fees

Application (Registration) Fee: A non-refundable Application Fee of \$50.00 must accompany the Application for Matriculation.

Applying and application process

Textbook Fee/Course Materials: A non-refundable textbook fee will be charged at the beginning of each quarter based on the following:

- If you are enrolled in 5.5 or less credits you will be billed a \$125 textbook fee
- If you are enrolled in 6 or more credits you will be billed a \$250 textbook fee

This fee may be covered by financial aid (TIV) and covers the following:

- Course textbook(s) and/or e-textbook(s)
- Shipping costs associated with textbook(s)
- Fees associated with ordering textbook(s) and/or e-textbook(s)
- Software associated with and incorporated within the course(s)
- Administrative Costs
- Other costs associated with textbook(s)/or e-textbook(s), or course materials

Note: If your textbooks are lost or stolen, the college can issue a replacement. Students are responsible for replacement cost.

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Technology Fee: A \$250.00 per quarter technology fee is charged at the beginning of each quarter of a student's enrollment. The technology fee is a charge in addition to tuition costs that will be used to enhance the student's learning environment, protect the academic integrity of its educational programs, provide resources, and increase the College's capacity to meet the technological environment expectations. The technology fee is due at the beginning of each quarter the student is enrolled in.

Technology fees are non-refundable and can be covered by financial aid. This fee includes:

- Technical infrastructure – software and hardware
- Technology Maintenance & Upgrades
- Learning Management System (LMS)
- Online secured proctored examination
- McGraw-Hill Connect, Cengage, and other support services for course content
- DL Faculty and student resources & support
- Computer Lab and Deep Freeze
- Office 365
- Student Information System (SIS)
- Software for live and recorded lectures
- Student & Faculty Help Desk & technical assistance
- Library databases
- Faculty technology needs to support student learning and communication
- Content development, Course development, and Course design
- Training and professional development to create skills and materials integrating technology into the classroom
- Security solutions to protect student and institutional data
- NBE study question bank

Proctor Exam Fee: All students are responsible for scheduling proctored exams in advance. All proctored exams must be scheduled at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the exam date. Those who do not comply with that timeframe are subject to late scheduling fees. Students that fail to take scheduled proctor exam(s) or reschedule/cancel their exam within 48 hours of the exam are assessed a \$25.00 rescheduling fee for each exam missed.

Proctor exam fees are non-refundable and not covered by financial aid.

Practicum, Lab, and Supply Fee: Associate of Applied Science Program (2024)
Students enrolling into the new Associate of Applied Science Program (2024), will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$800.00 when first enrolled in the "COR 232 Restorative Art (RA) Lab I course."

Associate of Applied Science Program Teach-Out. A non-refundable fee of \$800.00 will be charged to all students in the quarter tied to the course "History of Funeral Service."

- Student Embalming Supplies
- Student Restorative Art Supplies
- Onsite and Offsite Lab Supplies

- Administrative On-Site Inspection and Recertification
- Inspector's Travel
 - This includes: taxi (or other), hotel, mileage, tolls, etc.
 - Meals
 - Airfare
- Funeral Home Business Verification (if applicable)
- Preceptor Training
- Certified Preceptor pay/cost
- Administrative Costs

Re-Admission Fee: A non-refundable \$50.00 reentry application fee is charged prior to reentry into the program of study. This fee includes:

- Student demographic confirmation and updates
 - Student will meet with the admissions representative or Dean to update any demographics that may be out of date; such as address, phone number, email, etc.
- Reentry documentation and updates
- Enrollment updates within NSLDS
- Financial aid updates
- Credit evaluation/re-evaluation

Returned Payment Fee: A returned payment fee of \$30 will be charged to a student's account for any check dishonored by the drawee bank. Return payment fees are non-refundable and are not covered by financial aid. This fee covers administrative duties associated with the returned payment.

Payment:

- The returned payment must be paid by cash or money order

Waiving the Fee:

- The fee will be waived if the payment was returned in error, providing supporting documentation is submitted

Note: This Bulletin in all or in part is subject to change without notice

About Our Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and many organizations, the College offers several scholarship opportunities. These gifts allow us to support the college's mission of recruiting and retaining high-achieving students who enrich and diversify the academic environment. Scholarships are available for both current and incoming students.

Each scholarship has specific criteria based on the donor's wishes. Examples of criteria include academic merit, financial need, department or major, special interests, organizational involvement, and classification. The college awards several undergraduate scholarships each year. All current and prospective students are encouraged to apply each year.

View our Scholarships and Grants page, <https://dallasinstitute.edu/admissions/scholarships/>, and contact Dallas Institute of Funeral Service for more information.

Federal Financial Aid (TIV)

The Dallas Institute of Funeral Service's Office of Financial Aid is available to assist you in navigating the financial aid process and to provide a better understanding of what options and tools are available to assist you in paying for tuition and fees.

We will be happy to assist you and answer any questions or concerns you may have when working through the financial aid process in person, via phone, or via email at financialaid@dallasintitute.edu.

Financial Aid Grants

Federal Pell Grant

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree and who possess financial need as determined by the FAFSA. All students meeting eligibility are offered Federal Pell Grant.

Eligibility

- You must have a qualifying Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – see FAFSA
- Recipients must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress
- You are limited to receive eighteen (18) terms at full-time enrollment

Award eligibility varies based on enrollment status.

Helpful Websites

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Student Aid](#)

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Am I eligible to receive FSEOG funds?

- You must complete a FAFSA for the award year you are enrolled in:
 - July 1st, 2026 – June 30th, 2027, is the 2026/2027 Award Year
- You must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- You must be enrolled at least half-time in your program of study (undergraduate program)
- You must demonstrate exceptional financial need.
- You must not have a bachelor's or a professional degree.
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

If I am eligible for FSEOG funds, how much am I eligible to receive?

You may receive up to \$200.00 per quarter, depending on the following:

- Your financial need
- When you apply (complete FAFSA)
- The amount of other aid awarded to you
- Availability of funds at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service

What is the application process?

To receive FSEOG funds, you must file a FAFSA as part of the application process. Students who receive Federal Pell Grants and have the most need will receive FSEOG funds first. Dallas Institute of Funeral Service receives a certain amount of FSEOG funds each year from the U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid.

FSEOG funds are limited; meeting the criteria is not a guarantee that you will receive this grant.

Helpful Websites

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Student Aid](#)

Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Higher Education Grant

The BIA Higher Education Grant is a federal grant program for Native American students.

Eligibility

- Must be a member of, or at least one-quarter degree Indian blood descendent of a member of an American Indian tribe which is eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States through the Bureau of Indian Affairs because of

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their status as Indians. See the Tribal Leaders Directory at the following website:

<https://www.bia.gov/service/tribal-leaders-directory>

- Must be accepted for admission to a nationally accredited institution of higher education that provides a course of study conferring the Associate of Arts or Bachelor of Arts or science degree.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by the financial aid officer of the collegiate institution.

Helpful Websites

- [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

Loans

Direct Subsidized

The Direct Subsidized Loan is awarded based on your financial need. You will not be charged interest prior to repayment or during authorized periods of deferment. During deferment, the federal government pays your interest on the loan until the time of your repayment. Payment is automatically deferred until you are no longer enrolled at least half-time. When you are no longer enrolled at least half-time, a six (6) month grace period begins prior to entering repayment.

Disbursements made on or after July 1st, 2012, and before July 1st, 2014, are not eligible for an interest subsidy during the six-month grace period prior to entering repayment, and interest will accrue during this time. Disbursements on or after July 1st, 2014, are eligible for an interest subsidy during the six (6) month grace period, and interest will not accrue during this time.

Eligibility

- You demonstrate financial need determined by the FAFSA
- You are enrolled at least half-time at a Dallas Institute of Funeral Service
- You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- You do not exceed annual or lifetime aggregate loan limits – see Direct Loan Limits
- You may not have received Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the length of your academic program
 - Applicable to borrowers receiving their first disbursement on or after July 1st, 2013

Award eligibility varies based on enrollment status and dependency status.

Helpful Websites

- [Student Aid](#)
- [Repayment Estimator](#)

Direct Unsubsidized

The Direct Unsubsidized Loan is awarded based on your financial need. You will not be charged interest prior to repayment or during authorized periods of deferment. During deferment, the federal government pays your interest on the loan until the time of your repayment. Payment is automatically deferred until you are no longer enrolled at least half-time. When you are no longer enrolled at least half-time, a six (6) month grace period begins prior to entering repayment.

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Eligibility

- You demonstrate financial need determined by the FAFSA
- You are enrolled at least half-time at a Dallas Institute of Funeral Service
- You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- You do not exceed annual or lifetime aggregate loan limits – see Direct Loan Limits
- You may not have received Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150% of the length of your academic program
 - Applicable to borrowers receiving their first disbursement on or after July 1st, 2013

Award eligibility varies based on enrollment status and dependency status

Helpful Websites

- [Student Aid](#)
- [Repayment Estimator](#)

Direct PLUS Loans

The Direct Parent Loan (PLUS) is available to the parents of dependent, undergraduate students. The parent may borrow up to the Cost of Attendance (COA) (excluding any other federal student aid). All funds are received electronically and will be posted to the student's account to pay for authorized tuition and fees. Completing the FAFSA is required.

Eligibility

- Your child must be attending at least half-time
- Your child must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
- You must have a good credit history
- You must not have defaulted on any previous student or parent loans

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- Your child must have completed the FAFSA

Award eligibility varies based on enrollment status.

For further information on Federal Financial Aid, go [here](#).

Federal Work Study (FWS)

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service does not participate in this TIV program.

Military Benefits

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is pleased to participate in Veterans' Affairs Educational Benefit Programs and Military Tuition Assistance Programs. If you have been in or are in the military, please provide all college and military educational transcripts to determine if you may be eligible for any transcript credits.

Students receiving VA education benefits are required to have all prior credit reviewed by the school, with credit awarded where applicable (Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4)). This review includes all credits from military service as well as all post-secondary institutions previously attended.

The school is responsible for obtaining copies of all post-secondary and military transcripts for all veteran students receiving or requesting VA education benefits. This requirement applies to all approved programs of study offered by the school.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service complies with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679(e) of title 38, United States Code.

What benefit am I eligible for?

If you are an eligible active-duty member of the military, an eligible dependent, or a veteran of the U.S. military, you may be eligible for Veteran Affairs (VA) Educational Benefits.

VA Educational Benefits include, but are not limited to:

Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty

For information on Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty - <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>

Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

For information on Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment - <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>

Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill®

For information on Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill® - <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>

Chapter 35: Survivors' and Dependents' Assistance Program

For information on Chapter 35: Survivors' and Dependents' Assistance Program - <https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/>

Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve

For information on Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve - <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/>

If you are unsure of what you may be eligible for, or unsure what benefit is right for you, try the GI Bill® Comparison Tool at <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

VA Educational Benefits do not include state sponsored VA grants or scholarships

How do I apply for my benefits?

To apply for your VA Educational Benefit, you will complete the application through [VONAPP](#). Once completed, the VA will send you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for the benefit you have applied for.

Please submit a copy of your COE to the College.

Does Dallas Institute of Funeral Service participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program?

Yes, Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Dallas Institute of Funeral Service will pay 50% (percent) of the remaining tuition and fees that Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill® does not cover for a maximum of 100 eligible students. The amount each Yellow Ribbon recipient will receive will vary by tuition cost of degree enrolled in, and any scholarships or grants they may be awarded during their program. Yellow Ribbon will not exceed the tuition charged per quarter.

For information on the Yellow Ribbon Program:

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/>

Tuition Assistance

What is Tuition Assistance?

- Tuition Assistance (TA) is a Department of Defense funding program
- This program is not administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- TA rules, policies, and procedures vary by branch of service and even vary between different units within the same branch depending on whether the unit is active, reserve, or National Guard
- TA will be applied to tuition only. It will not apply to any fees associated with enrollment

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What is the process to use my TA?

1. Once you are enrolled in classes, you will complete the paperwork required by your branch of service in order to secure your tuition assistance for each quarter. Failure to follow your branch of service's processes may lead you to ineligibility for each quarter's tuition assistance
2. Provide a receipt of your TA approval to the College
3. Any balance remaining will need to be covered by the student through financial aid, a tuition installment plan, etc.
4. For questions on when TA is paid to the college, contact your branch of the military
5. Once you pass your classes, you will move on to your next quarter
6. A few weeks prior to the start of your classes, submit your TA documentation through your branch of the military, this needs to occur each quarter of enrollment

Where can I get information on my benefits?

A good place to start is here: <http://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/tuition-assistance-ta-program-overview.html>

This site has links to specific branch sites that go further in depth.

Where do I go to apply for my TA?

Where you start depends on what branch of the military you need to apply to

Air Force – This may have advanced security settings

<https://federation.prod.cce.af.mil/pool/sso/authenticate/msg/19?m=GET&p=3911&r=f&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.my.af.mil%2Fgcscs-af%2FUSAF%2Fep%2Fhome.do&x=true>

Army – <https://armyignited.army.mil/student/>

Coast Guard – https://media.defense.gov/2017/Oct/23/2001830871/-1/-1/0/CG_4147.PDF

- Or online, go

<https://sas.ncdc.navy.mil/login/sasdeersvalidation.aspx?RedirectUrl=https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/eta/menu/welcome.do>

Marines –

<https://sas.ncdc.navy.mil/login/sasdeersvalidation.aspx?RedirectUrl=https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/eta/menu/welcome.do>

Navy –

<https://sas.ncdc.navy.mil/login/sasdeersvalidation.aspx?RedirectUrl=https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/eta/menu/welcome.do>

Title 38 US Code CFR 21.4255 Refund Policy; Non-Accredited Courses for IHL/NCD

A refund of the unused portion of the tuition, fees, and other charges will be made to the veteran or eligible person who fails to enter or fails to complete the course as required by Veteran Administration regulation. The refund will be within 10% (percent) of an exact pro rata refund.

No more than \$10.00 of the established registration fee will be retained if a veteran or eligible person fails to enter and complete the course.

The code states that the exact proration will be determined on the ratio of the number of days of instruction completed by the student to the total number of instructional days in the course.

This policy will change upon accreditation of the school. The State Approving Agency will be notified accordingly.

State Benefits

Applicants desiring to attend Dallas Institute of Funeral Service under provisions of a state rehabilitation or vocational program must contact their local rehabilitation office directly.

Tuition Installment Plan (TIP)

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is pleased to offer enrolled students a Tuition Installment Plan (TIP). The Tuition Installment Plan is a service to the student, allowing the student to finance education over the period of a quarter throughout their academic year. The TIP is interest free making budgeting the cost of your education easier. Late charges may be added to the student's account if the student misses the deadline of payment dates. If payments are made as scheduled, there will be no additional costs to the student. The payment schedule calculates the balance remaining after guaranteed funding is applied; financial aid funds (such as loans, grants, scholarships, etc.) are recognized as payments toward the payment plan. Any balance remaining after all guaranteed funds have been paid MUST be set up on the installment plan. Only students in good standing and with a zero (0) balance for the current quarter are eligible to enroll in an installment plan. Students may prepay, without penalty, on their Tuition Installment Plan. Adjustments may be made for future payments.

The payment schedule is based on a division of the quarter's tuition into three installments. If a student will not be receiving any financial aid, the first installment will be due on the first day of classes for that quarter. Those students receiving financial aid (Pell Grant, Direct Loans, and/or FSEOG) or any other guaranteed payments (VA, scholarships, tuition reimbursement, etc.) will be required to pay the balance of direct charges minus all guaranteed funding of the academic year over the, up to, three terms per academic year.

Should a student not pay their first installment by the designated payment date, there will be a grace period of five (5) school days for that payment to be made. No books will be provided to the student until the payment is received by the college. If, after five (5) school days, the payment is not secured, a late fee of fifty dollars (\$50) will be applied to the student's account and no books provided until the payment is made.

If the second and third installments are not paid by the designated payment dates, a fifty dollar (\$50) late fee will be applied to the student's account for each of the late payments. ALL balances owed for a quarter must be paid before a student is allowed to progress into a subsequent quarter.

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Grading Methods and Symbols

Grade reports are available to students at the completion of each quarter. Final grades are based on the quality of work submitted and as demonstrated by assignments, examinations, and/or class projects as outlined in the course syllabus. Earned Grade Points are calculated for each course by multiplying the Grade Points (quality point value) for the grade received for the course times the credit hour value of the course. For example, a 4-credit-hour course with a grade of “B” would earn 12.0 quality points [credit value of course (4) times grade point value of B (3)].

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Numeric Grade	Included in Credits Earned	Include in Credits Attempted	Included in CGPA
A	4	96 – 100	Yes	Yes	Yes
A-	3.75	92 – 95	Yes	Yes	Yes
B+	3.5	89 – 91	Yes	Yes	Yes
B	3	85 – 88	Yes	Yes	Yes
B-	2.75	82 – 84	Yes	Yes	Yes
C+	2.5	80 – 81	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	2	75 – 79	Yes	Yes	Yes
F	0	0 – 74	No	Yes	Yes
W (Withdrawal)	n/a	n/a	No	Yes	No
I (Incomplete)	n/a	n/a	No	Yes	No
TR (Transfer Credits)	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes	No
R (Repeated Course)	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes
MIL (Military Credit)	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes	No
PR (Proficiency Credit)	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes	No
AU (Audit Course)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Grade Point Averages

A student’s grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credit hours for which grades were awarded. The grade points are calculated by multiplying the quality point values for the grade earned for each course by the

number of credit hours associated with the course. The quarter GPA applies to work in each quarter. A student's overall academic average is stated in a cumulative grade point average (CGPA), which is based on all grades and credit hours earned in the program of study to date.

The term GPA and CGPA range from 0.00 through 4.00 and only include courses that are required for graduation in the student's current program of study and exclude developmental courses and any other courses considered to be ineligible by licensing, state, or provincial authorities. The CGPA is used to determine whether a student is meeting the standards of academic progress and eligibility for graduation.

Incomplete Grades

An incomplete grade "I" is a temporary grade signifying that the required coursework was completed during the quarter. The "I" grade is not calculated into the term GPA or CGPA at the time it is awarded.

An "I" grade may be assigned for the following reason(s):

- The student has been making satisfactory progress in the course and needs additional time, as determined by the instructor; or
- The student is unable to complete some coursework because of unusual circumstances that are deemed acceptable by the instructor.

To receive additional time to complete the course requirements, the student must request the incomplete form from their instructor at least seven (7) days prior to the end of a quarter and submit the incomplete packet at least three (3) days prior to the final date and time grades are due.

To receive additional time to complete course requirements, the student must submit completed documentation regarding the requested incomplete grade by the last day of the quarter, prior to the due date and the time for the final grades. The student should request the incomplete form from their instructor at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the quarter and submit it at least three (3) days prior to the final date and time grades are due. Students approved for an incomplete must have all required coursework completed and submitted within two (2) calendar weeks after the end of the quarter.

Once the student submits all coursework during or at the end of the incomplete period, whichever comes first, the "I" grade is changed to the earned grade ("A", "B", "C", or "F"). Once incomplete grades are converted and final grades are posted, the student's academic status is evaluated and determined, in accordance with the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy.

Repeating a Course

Students must repeat any required course(s) in the program of study for which the student did not earn a passing grade ("C" or higher). Students who repeat a failed course and repeatedly fail the same course may remain eligible to receive financial assistance so long as students meet the standards of satisfactory academic progress (SAP). SAP for purposes of continued eligibility for federal financial assistance including those eligible for veterans' education benefits – is

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determined by applying the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) requirements, pace of completion (POC) requirements towards graduation, maximum timeframe restrictions, warning and probation provisions, appeals procedures, and dismissal and reinstatement procedures as outlined in the SAP Policy of this catalog.

Students may repeat a previously passed (“C” or higher) course only for one (1) repetition of the course. The one (1) repeat of a previously passed course will be counted towards the student’s enrollment status for the quarter and in determining the student’s eligibility for Federal Financial Aid. For those eligible for veterans’ education benefits, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) does not allow a previously passed course to be certified for benefits when the course is repeated.

A student who retakes a previously passed course and subsequently withdraws before completing the course for which Federal Financial Aid was awarded/disbursed for retaking is not considered to have used their one allowed retake for that course.

However, if a student passed a class once and then is paid Federal Financial Aid for retaking it and fails the second time, that failure counts as their paid retake and the student may not be paid for retaking the class a third time.

All courses that are repeated are factored in the calculation of a student's SAP status.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

All students must meet the standards of the satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy to remain enrolled at the College. The standards of SAP must also be maintained to remain eligible for Federal Student Aid (FSA), Veterans Education Benefits (VA), and other forms of financial assistance.

Satisfactory academic progress is determined by measuring the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) and the pace of completion (POC) toward completion of the student’s program of study. Both components (CGPA and POC) of SAP must be met at each SAP evaluation period to remain eligible and considered to be maintaining SAP. Additionally, students must complete their program of study within the maximum timeframe for program completion.

SAP Status Evaluation

The students’ SAP statuses are evaluated at the end of each quarter (SAP evaluation period) after grades have been posted to determine if students are progressing satisfactorily, as outlined below. Both components (CGPA and POC) of SAP will only include courses that are required for graduation in the student’s program of study.

1. **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)** – The cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is the student’s overall academic average based on grades and credit hours earned in the student’s program of study. The CGPA is calculated by dividing the total earned quality points by the total attempted credit hours for which grades are awarded. Students that have attempted a course(s) multiple times only have the best grade earned for the CGPA calculation. A student must meet minimum CGPA requirements based on the cumulative number of credit hours attempted at each SAP evaluation period.

2. **Pace of Completion (POC) Requirements** – In addition to the CGPA requirements, a student must successfully complete a minimum percentage of the cumulative credit hours attempted in the program of study at each SAP evaluation period to maintain SAP. Credit hours attempted are defined as those credits for which students are enrolled past the add/drop period of the quarter. In the POC calculation, a grade of W (Withdrawn) is included in hours attempted. Courses removed during the add/drop period are not included in POC calculations. Please refer to the Grading Scale, Add/Drop, and Leave of Absence policies for more information.
3. **Maximum Time Frame to Complete Program (Financial Aid Requirement)** – A student is not allowed to attempt more than 1.5 times, or 150%, of the number of quarter credit hours (QCHs) in their program of study. For example, a program that requires students to earn 100 QCHs to complete the program. The maximum allowable attempted QCHs for the specified program would be 150 QCHs (1.5 times or 150% of 100). This means students must successfully complete and earn 100 QCHs after attempting no more than 150 QCHs.

Therefore, the minimum percentage requirement for the pace of completion (POC) is to ensure that students are progressing at a pace at which they will complete their program within the maximum time frame. If at any point it is determined that it is mathematically impossible for a student to meet the minimum SAP standards or complete their program of study within the maximum time frame allotted, the student becomes ineligible to receive financial aid funding for the remainder of their enrollment.

The minimum CGPA requirement and corresponding minimum POC percentage are outlined in the table below.

Minimum SAP Standards

Total Attempted Quarter Credit Hours	Minimum Cumulative GPA (CGPA)	Minimum Pace of Completion (POC)
0 – 25	1.50	50%
26 – 50	1.75	58.33%
51 and more	2.00	66.67%

How Change of Program or Transfer Credits Affect SAP

Transfer credit(s) awarded due to a program change—whether from Pierce Mortuary College, another postsecondary institution, or a military transcript—that are applicable to the new program of study will not be included in the calculation of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). However, for the purposes of determining Pace of Completion (POC) and Maximum Time Frame, only the credit value of the equivalent course in the student’s new program will be counted as credits attempted and earned, regardless of the credit value of the original transferred course.

SAP Statuses

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At the end of each quarter once final grades have been posted, each student's CGPA and POC are reviewed to determine whether the student is meeting the satisfactory academic progress requirements. The following terminology is used by the College to indicate each student's academic standing:

SAP Met: A student who met the minimum CGPA and POC requirements at the end of the quarter.

SAP Warning: A student who was in good academic standing at the beginning of the quarter but failed to achieve the minimum CGPA and/or POC requirement at the end of the quarter. The student will automatically be placed on SAP Warning for the subsequent quarter and notification of academic standing including requirements to meet SAP at the end of the subsequent quarter will be sent to the student. This status allows a student to remain eligible for Federal Student Aid and Veterans Education Benefits for one additional quarter (payment period).

At the end of the warning period (subsequent quarter):

- A student who meets or exceeds the minimum SAP standards are returned to SAP Met.
- A student unable to meet the minimum SAP requirements at the end of the quarter are placed on SAP Probation status.

SAP Probation: A student who has not met SAP at the end of the SAP Warning quarter will enter the following quarter on SAP Probation status and are not eligible for Financial Aid or Veterans Education Benefits. An academic plan is required, and a plan is assigned prior to the student starting the SAP Probation quarter. The student does have the option to submit a SAP Appeal within the required timeframe to potentially re-establish Financial Aid and Veterans Education Benefits, if approved.

A student's Academic Plan may be approved for more than one quarter when the student is unable to meet minimum SAP requirements after one quarter of probation. A student who has filed a SAP Appeal and has received approval, are eligible for Financial Aid and Veterans Education Benefits during the period(s) of probation, as long as the student is meeting the requirements outlined in their approved academic plan.

Additional Considerations

- Students not meeting the SAP requirements must participate in academic advising as deemed necessary by the College as a condition of their academic monitoring. Students who fail to comply with these requirements are subject to dismissal even if CGPA or POC are above the dismissal levels.
- When it is determined that it is mathematically impossible for the student to meet the minimum SAP requirements, the student is dismissed from the College. The College also reserves the right to place students on or remove them from academic monitoring based on their academic performance, notwithstanding these published standards.
- Notification of academic dismissal is provided in writing to the student. The *Student Conduct* section of this catalog describes other circumstances that could lead to student

dismissal for non-academic reasons. As a dismissed student, a tuition refund may be due in accordance with the College's Refund Policy.

Academic Dismissal

Students are subject to academic dismissal when they:

- Fail to meet the minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) or pace of completion (POC) or do not meet their Academic Plan requirements at the end of a SAP Probation quarter.
- Become mathematically impossible for the student to meet the minimum SAP requirements.
- Exceed the maximum time frame for program completion.

Students facing dismissal from the College for failing to meet SAP may appeal their dismissal in writing to the Academic Dean, in accordance with the *SAP Appeal for Reinstatement* section of this catalog. The appeal must include all of the following:

- Explain the extenuating circumstances that led to failure to meet satisfactory progress.
- Include related documentation (letter from a medical professional, obituary, military orders, etc.) about the extenuating circumstance.
- What has changed since the event/situation stated above.
- Plans/steps to meet SAP or the academic plan at the next evaluation period.

A student with a pending SAP Appeal, and currently on Financial Aid Hold, is approved to observe a class as an inactive student during the add/drop period of the quarter or until the appeal has been reviewed.

The College may approve an appeal and return a student back to the probation status when the student had an extenuating circumstance that affected the student's ability to meet SAP standards and the College determines (1) that the student will be able to meet SAP standards after the subsequent quarter or (2) that the student will be able to meet SAP standards by a specific point in time if they follow an academic plan developed by the College.

Approved students must return with an Academic Plan and cannot exceed twelve (12) credit hours in their first quarter returning from dismissal.

SAP Appeal for Federal Financial Aid and Veterans Education Benefits

To regain financial aid or veterans' education benefits eligibility in a probationary status, a student must submit a complete SAP Appeal packet to the Academic Dean. The SAP appeal must include:

1. A letter of appeal prepared and signed by the student stating the extenuating circumstances(s) for past academic issues.
2. Explain what has changed that will allow the student to achieve SAP standards;
3. Must include supporting documentation of extenuating circumstances (e.g., unforeseen medical issue/illness, death of a relative, family emergency injury/illness, or other special circumstances), dated during the quarter(s) of unsatisfactory progress.

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4. The plans or steps the student will take to meet SAP or the academic plan at the next evaluation period.

The SAP Appeal for Federal Financial Aid must be submitted to the Academic Dean within seven (7) days of notification of their financial aid/veterans' education benefits suspension status. The Academic Dean submits the appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee for review. The student will receive notification from the Academic Dean of the appeal decision within seven (7) days of receipt of the student's SAP Appeal. If the appeal is approved, the student will be eligible as demonstrated; if denied, the student will be responsible for covering all quarter charges through non-financial aid/veterans' education benefits means.

Reentering students who were not meeting SAP when they withdrew from the program are required to submit an SAP Appeal before reenrollment. Students seeking reenrollment requiring an SAP Appeal are not subject to the seven (7) day limitation for filing the appeal but must submit the appeal before the start of the quarter.

Students transferring from program to program will be placed in the appropriate enrollment SAP status according to their SAP status at the time of withdrawal.

SAP Appeal for Reinstatement

To regain eligibility to continue enrollment after academic dismissal, a student must submit an SAP Appeal with supporting documentation to the Academic Dean. The SAP appeal must include:

1. A letter of appeal prepared and signed by the student stating the extenuating circumstances(s) for past academic issues.
2. Explain what has changed that will allow the student to achieve SAP standards;
3. Must include supporting documentation of extenuating circumstances (e.g., unforeseen medical issue/illness, death of a relative, family emergency injury/illness, or other special circumstances), dated during the quarter(s) of unsatisfactory progress.
4. The plans or steps the student will take to meet SAP or the academic plan at the next evaluation period.

The College's portion of the SAP Appeal packet will include the following:

1. An academic plan by the student and the Academic Dean, or academic designee, detailing specific requirements for the student to meet SAP within the next quarter(s);
2. SAP calculation prepared by Academic Dean, or academic designee, used to develop the academic plan;
3. A copy of the Academic/FA Warning letter/notification sent to the student; and
4. An unofficial transcript with final grades for the most recently completed quarter.

The SAP Appeal packet must be submitted to the Academic Dean within seven (7) days of notification of their academic suspension status. The Academic Dean submits the appeal packet to the Academic Appeals Committee for review. The student will receive notification from the Academic Dean of the appeal decision within seven (7) days of receipt of the student's SAP Appeal.

Students who opt to attend school while an Academic Appeal is pending must have their balance paid in full or have arrangements approved by the College, or other means than federal funding before the start of the quarter.

Re-entering students who were not meeting SAP when they withdrew from the program are required to submit an SAP Appeal before reenrollment. Students seeking reenrollment requiring an SAP Appeal are not subject to the seven (7) day limitation for filing the appeal but must submit the appeal before the start of the quarter.

Students transferring from program to program will be placed in the appropriate enrollment SAP status according to their SAP status at the time of withdrawal.

Academic Dismissal and Reinstatement

Students who are deemed academically ineligible and dismissed from the College may apply for readmission after one (1) quarter. If their readmission application is approved, the student is required to retake all failed courses during their first quarter after reinstatement or as soon as the course(s) is offered. Approved students must return with an Academic Plan and cannot exceed twelve (12) credit hours in the first quarter back from dismissal.

Students who are successful with the course retakes are permitted to continue with their enrolled program of study.

Withdrawal from a PMC College

Students who enroll in all quarters of an academic year, however, withdraw during one of the quarters, must still fulfill the minimum quarter credit hours and pace of completion requirements outlined in the SAP policy.

Students that withdraw during two (2) consecutive quarters of attendance are subject to academic dismissal. Those who are dismissed and wish to return to the program are required to complete the academic appeals process to seek approval for possible reinstatement.

Academic Plans

Students who are on SAP Probation status receive an academic plan outlining requirements to regain good academic standing. The academic plan is monitored regularly by the Dean, academic advisor, or designee. Status updates are shared regularly with the students.

Grade Appeal

Students have the right to challenge the validity of the final course grade given by an instructor due to grading errors. The student must first attempt to resolve the disputed grade with the instructor within three (3) calendar days of the official posting of the final course grade.

In the event the policy and/or process is not followed, the student can submit a petition in writing to the Dean of the College (Dean), clearly describing the grievance or complaint. The student's petition packet must be submitted to the Dean within seven (7) calendar days

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following the official posting of the final course grade and must include the student's letter (dated and signed) and all supporting documentation.

The Academic Dean reviews the petition packet, seeks a resolution, and notifies the student of the decision in writing within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the petition packet. In the event the policy and/or process is not followed, the student can contest the Dean's decision through the College's Grievance Policy.

*Please note that a grade appeal can result in a delay of program due to the need to fulfill prerequisites prior to enrolling in some courses.

Attendance

The College has measured a direct correlation between class attendance and academic success. Therefore, students are administratively withdrawn from the College when the student misses fourteen (14) consecutive days of a quarter within all courses.

Campus classes: Attendance is measured by physical attendance in scheduled classes, labs, and off campus activities related to a specific course.

Online courses: Attendance is measured by submitting discussion activities, assignments, quizzes, tests, and other graded work. These activities are readily tracked and documented through the College's learning management system.

Falsifying attendance or absences from a course result in violation of this policy. Students should not offer a falsified excuse for an absence from an examination, test, quiz, or other course requirement, directly or through another source. Falsification of an absence invokes the Student Conduct Policy.

Leave of Absence (LOA)

A Leave of Absence (LOA) option is available to currently enrolled students in good academic standing. The LOA provides students the opportunity to remain enrolled in the institution without scheduling courses for one quarter. Once the leave period is completed, students are eligible and expected to resume their academic studies.

Students seeking an LOA must complete a "Leave of Absence Request Form" and receive approval from the Dean or designated school official. Except in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Dean or designated school official, the LOA must be approved prior to the first day of classes for the quarter in which the student is requesting leave. Students are limited to one leave period, not to exceed a cumulative total of 180 days, within any 12-month period.

During the LOA, the student's academic files will remain active. Upon returning from the LOA, the student will resume their academic program with the same academic status as before. Students remain subject to all applicable academic policies while on leave.

Impact on Financial Aid: Students on an LOA are not eligible for financial aid disbursements during the leave. Financial aid, including Title IV funds, will only be awarded for

periods in which the student is actively attending classes. Enrollment verification and financial aid eligibility will be limited to actual quarters of attendance.

Failure to Return: Students who do not return from an approved LOA at the end of the designated period will be withdrawn from the College. The student's withdrawal date will be used to calculate any necessary adjustments to financial aid, and this may result in the student owing a repayment of unearned aid. Students who wish to return after withdrawal must reapply through the Admissions Office.

Note: *Before granting an LOA to any student who is a recipient of a Title IV, HEA program loan, the institution will explain the potential consequences on loan repayment terms. The student will be informed that failure to return from the LOA may result in the exhaustion of some or all of the student's loan grace period, which could lead to immediate repayment obligations.*

Emergency Leave of Absence

Students may request an Emergency Leave of Absence (LOA) due to extraordinary circumstances that require an immediate short-term absence. Eligible circumstances for an emergency LOA include hospitalization, life-threatening illness or injury, recovery from an accident or surgery, death of a family member, or military deployment. Emergency LOA requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and the student must provide official documentation (e.g., doctor's note, hospital records, military orders) supporting their request.

Students approved for an emergency LOA are permitted to miss up to five (5) consecutive school days during the quarter. In exceptional cases, an extension may be considered upon further review. Students must notify their instructors as soon as possible and work with them to establish a plan for completing any missed assignments or exams during their absence. All missed work must be completed promptly according to the plan established with the instructors; the Dean is available to offer guidance if needed.

The request for an emergency LOA must be submitted to the Dean or designated school official for approval. The student will be notified of the institution's decision within a reasonable timeframe, typically within 48 hours of submission. During the LOA, students remain subject to the institution's academic policies and procedures, and there will be no changes to their enrollment status or financial aid eligibility unless the absence exceeds the allowed period.

Quarter Hold Policy

Academic and administrative holds are used to prompt student engagement and ensure compliance with institutional policies. Holds may be placed when other attempts to communicate with the student have failed or when a student's actions—or inactions—threaten academic progress, policy adherence, financial responsibility, or the well-being of the campus community.

Appropriate Use of Holds

Holds may be placed in the following situations:

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- When a student is in violation of institutional policy (academic, conduct, health/safety).
- When a student fails to meet financial obligations to the College.
- When a student's academic decisions or disengagement may jeopardize academic standing.
- To uphold community well-being or safety.

Impact of a Hold

While a hold is active, a student may be restricted from:

1. Receiving:
 - Diplomas
 - Certificates
 - Letters of good standing
 - Verification for the National Board Exam (NBE)
 - Official transcripts
2. Accessing:
 - Financial aid processing or disbursement
 - Quarter registration or schedule changes
 - College-sponsored travel or academic events
 - Library, lab, or other institutional resources
 - Graduation ceremonies

FERPA Note: Holds do not affect the student's legal right to inspect their educational records. However, the institution may withhold *copies* of transcripts or other official documents until the hold is resolved.

Types of Holds

1. **Academic Hold:** Placed due to unsatisfactory academic progress (e.g., warning, probation), missing academic advising, or unresolved academic matters.
2. **Conduct Hold:** Placed due to student disciplinary actions or failure to comply with student conduct sanctions.
3. **Financial Hold:** Placed when there is an outstanding balance or delinquent payment due to the institution.
4. **Medical or Safety Hold:** Placed in cases of serious health, behavioral, or safety issues as governed by the institution's threat assessment or medical withdrawal procedures.

Hold Communication and Posting

- All departments authorized to place holds must maintain clear, published guidelines on:
 - Hold criteria
 - Steps to resolution
 - Staff contacts
 - Expected timelines

Hold Timing

- Holds that may interfere with registration or continuation should be placed *before* or *after* the academic term, not during active enrollment unless urgent (e.g., disciplinary dismissal or safety concern).
- Holds must be placed in time to allow the student a reasonable opportunity to resolve the issue prior to adverse impacts (e.g., registration deadlines or disbursement dates).

Authority to Place Holds

- **Non-Academic Holds:** May be placed by the **Dean, President**, or designated senior administrators.
- **Financial Holds:** Managed by the **Student Accounts Office** or **Financial Aid Office**.
- **Academic/Registration Holds:** Managed by the **Registrar's Office** in coordination with academic leadership.

Student Notification

Prior to placing a hold, the student must be notified in writing (via institutional email or student information system alert) with:

- The reason for the hold
- The action required to avoid the hold
- The deadline for which action must be taken
- Contact information for further assistance

Faculty may be notified of a student's hold status *when appropriate* and with sensitivity to privacy, never during classroom instruction.

Withdrawing from a Course(s)

Course Withdraw

A student can withdraw from a course(s) after the add/drop period has ended through the end of the sixth week of the quarter. The student must contact an academic official to discuss the withdraw request and any possible academic impacts. Students who proceed with withdraw after speaking with the academic official, will send their withdraw request to the College Registrar for processing. Any course(s) attempted and withdrawn from after the add/drop period will impact Pace of Completion (POC).

Grades

The student will receive a "W" (Withdraw) grade for the course(s) withdrawn after the add/drop period. Students must withdraw from a course(s) by the designated withdrawal deadline of the end of the sixth week of the course. Students who opt to withdraw from a course(s) after the withdraw deadline will be assigned the grade earned in the course.

Students receiving financial aid should meet with the Financial Aid Office to discuss any financial aid eligibility/impact when withdrawing from a course(s).

Capstone Attempt Policy

Students are permitted to take the Capstone course a maximum of three (3) times. Students who fail the course three times face academic dismissal from the college.

1. Attempt Limits

- A student may attempt the Capstone course up to three times.
- A "fail" is defined as a grade below the minimum passing grade of 75% set by the institution.
- A student has one calendar year to successfully complete the capstone course from their first attempt.

2. Impact of Retakes on Academic Standing

- Each retake will be recorded on the student's academic transcript. The highest grade (best grade) achieved in the course will be used in calculating the student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA).
- All attempts will be calculated in the student's total number of credits attempted for Max Retake (150%).

3. Academic Dismissal

- Students who fail the Capstone course on their third attempt or do not pass within one calendar year from their first attempt will be academically dismissed from the college.
- The student will be notified in writing of the academic dismissal. Students who are dismissed due to failure of the Capstone course can submit an appeal of the decision.

4. Appeals Process

- A student who believes that there are extenuating circumstances (e.g., medical, personal) that impacted their performance in the Capstone course may submit an appeal to the Academic Appeals Committee.
- The appeal must be submitted in writing within 7 days of receiving notification of academic dismissal.
- The committee will review the appeal and may make recommendations or decisions regarding an exception to this policy based on the merit of the student's case.

5. Communication and Support

- Students who fail a course will be advised by an academic advisor to discuss their performance, review potential reasons for failure, and develop strategies for success in future attempts.
- The college offers academic support resources, including tutoring, counseling, and other student services, to assist students in improving their academic performance.

6. Comprehensive Exam (Old Curriculum)

- Students in the old curriculum who completed all academic work (including capstone courses) came to campus to pass comprehensive examinations. Students who failed this comprehensive exam requirement would not have their degree.
- Comprehensive exams are no longer offered on campus. As a substitute, students are enrolled in a capstone course as an audit student (not for credit). Students must successfully pass the final exam in both arts and sciences in order to satisfy the comprehensive exam requirement. Students must take the courses concurrently and may not separate the courses.
- Students are encouraged to participate in all classroom activities and lectures in order to master the material to maximize their chances of success.
- Students must complete the final exams within one (1) year of their first attempt under this policy like other capstone students and only have 3 total attempts as a capstone audit students.

Artificial Intelligence

The use of AI content-generation tools (such as ChatGPT, DALL-E, etc.) is permitted. Students are invited to use AI platforms to help prepare for assignments and projects. When submitting work, students must clearly identify any writing, text, or media generated by AI. It is a violation of college policy to misrepresent work submitted to the instructor as one's own that does not acknowledge the use of generative AI tools. All student work must be at least 80% original work. Any violations are investigated for integrity concerns. Students who are found to be in violation of this standard may receive severe sanctions, including a failing grade on their assignment(s), in the course, and/or expulsion from the College.

Clinical, Laboratory, and Practicum Requirements – Associate of Applied Science Degree and Funeral Director's Programs 2025

All students are required to meet the graduation requirements outlined in the *College Catalog* to successfully complete the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree Program or the Funeral Director's Program. These requirements include a combination of academic coursework and hands-on training experiences designed to ensure technical competence in funeral service practice.

Major components of the graduation requirements include:

- Clinical Embalming
- Restorative Art Laboratory
- Funeral Director Practicum

This document provides general descriptions and logistical considerations for each component. Course syllabi contain additional detailed instructions. Requirements are uniform across on-campus and distance learning modalities, though the methods and timing for completion may vary and are specified where applicable.

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Embalming Clinical Requirement

Students enrolled in the AAS Degree Program must complete a minimum of eleven (11) embalming cases under the supervision of a certified preceptor at an approved clinical site. The 12th and final embalming case will be overseen and certified by a qualified faculty member on campus during week 11 of the sixth quarter.

Clinical Site Affiliation Process

Students are responsible for selecting or securing a clinical site to complete their embalming cases. The process includes the following steps:

1. Preceptor Selection

- Students may choose from an extensive list of college-approved clinical preceptors, accessible on the Embalming Clinical Course Page in Blackboard.
- If a student selects a site not on the approved list, the site must undergo inspection and certification by the College.

2. Notification Deadline

- Students must be affiliated with a funeral home by the end of Week 8 of *COR 220 – Embalming I* to allow time for site inspection and approval.

3. Site Affiliation Requirements

- The location must meet ABFSE standards for clinical embalming, this means:
- The funeral director or embalmer-in-charge (FDIC/EIC) must provide the following items to students so it can be kept on file with the campus:
 - A completed *Location Affiliation Agreement*.
 - A completed Preceptor Application for any practitioner that will oversee and sign off on cases
 - A copy of each preceptor's funeral director or embalmer's license. (dual or single license)
 - The results of a formaldehyde exposure test. Not more than three (3) years old.
 - A current business license for the location being affiliated with.
- The facility must be inspected and approved by a qualified faculty member prior to the start of instruction.

4. Preceptor Certification Requirements:

- Submit a completed *Offsite Clinical Preceptor Application*.
- Provide proof of a valid embalmer license.
- View the preceptor training video on the campus' website.
- Sign the preceptor training video acknowledgment at the end of the Clinical Preceptor Handbook.

- Fulfill all additional requirements outlined in the Clinical Preceptor Handbook.

Once all documentation is verified, and training is complete, the College will issue official approval and certification.

Clinical Embalming Case Schedule

1. **Cases 1–6:** Completed during *COR 222 – Embalming Lab I*.
2. **Cases 7–11:** Completed during *COR 226 – Embalming Lab II*.
3. **Case 12 (Final Case):** Must be completed on-campus or in the presence of a qualified faculty member, in accordance with ABFSE guidelines, to demonstrate technical competency.
 - **On-Campus Students:** Perform the final embalming under supervision during *COR 226*. Students are grouped in teams of no more than five (5) for this process.
 - **Distance Learning Students:** Report to campus during the final week of *COR 226* to complete this certification in similar small groups.

Restorative Art Laboratory Requirements

All students must fulfill the Restorative Art Laboratory requirements through both distance and in-person instruction. See modality specific details below.

1. Instruction occurs during:
 - *COR 232 – Restorative Art Lab I*
 - *COR 236 – Restorative Art Lab II*
2. Note: The College provides necessary laboratory supplies during on-campus sessions.

Modality-Specific Details

1. **On-Campus Students:** Practice restorative art techniques under direct instructor supervision throughout the lab courses.
2. **Distance Learning Students:**
 - Complete assigned work in quarters four (4) and six (6) via instructor-led live presentations and tutorial videos.
 - Submit photo and video documentation of their work.
 - Attend on-campus labs during the final week of *COR 236* to complete hands-on activities and the final embalming case. Supplies are issued and must be returned after the session.

Funeral Director Practicum

Students in the AAS or Funeral Director Certificate must fulfill specific funeral directing skills as part of their curriculum.

Practicum Components

Each student must complete each of the items below. Please note all items below may be completed in a simulated setting with the exception of attending five (5) funeral services.:

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- Five (5) first calls.
- Five (5) arrangement conferences.
- One demonstration of a body removal.
- One demonstration of dressing, casketing, and preparing a decedent for disposition.
- Attendance at five (5) funeral-related activities, each unique in function.
- As a part of the arrangement conferences, the student must utilize or create each of the following at least once:
 - 1. First Call Sheet
 - 2. Arrangement Form
 - 3. Embalming Authorization Form
 - 4. Cremation Authorization Form
 - 5. Federal Trade Commission Compliant General Price List
 - 6. Federal Trade Commission Compliant Casket Price List
 - 7. Federal Trade Commission Compliant Outer Burial Container Price List
 - 8. Death Certificate
 - 9. Burial Transit Permit
 - 10. Statement of Death by a Funeral Director
 - 11. Death Notice
 - 12. Obituary
 - 13. Veteran's Flag Application
 - 14. Veteran's Burial Benefits Form
 - 15. Veteran's Headstone and Marker Forms
 - 16. Federal Trade Commission Compliant Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected

Course Integration and Expectations

1. **COR 207 – Funeral Directing**
 - Three (3) distinct arrangement conferences, including one for a military/veteran case.
 - Two (2) different funeral event observations, each event must be unique and not repeated. *No duplicates allowed.*
2. **COR 213 – Funeral Service Sociology**
 - Two (2) arrangement conferences, including one involving cremation disposition.
 - Three (3) different funeral event observations, each event must be unique and not repeated, with at least one (1) being a live/in-person event. *No duplicates allowed.*
3. **Demonstration Requirements *For AAS students only**
 - **On-Campus Students:** Complete removal, dressing, and casketing demonstrations during *COR 226 – Embalming Lab II* under faculty supervision.
 - **Distance Learning Students:** Attend campus during the final week of *COR 226* for completion under qualified faculty supervision.

As a component of the COR 207, and COR 213 courses, students are required to participate in a funeral arrangement simulation, a one-day intensive online experience.

1. **Mandatory Participation:** Non-attendance disqualifies students from taking the final exam.
2. **Activities Include:**
 - Content-specific lecture.
 - Completion of various practicum components.

Documentation Requirements

Students must submit all Embalming Clinical and Funeral Director Practicum documentation in Blackboard under the designated course pages. All submissions must be complete, accurate, and timely to meet graduation eligibility.

Boot Camp – Capstone Preparation

As a component of the *CAP 290*, *CAP 292*, and *CAP 294* Capstone courses, students are required to participate in Boot Camp, an intensive online review experience.

1. **Mandatory Participation:** Non-attendance disqualifies students from taking final and board exams.
2. **Activities Include:**
 - Content-specific lectures.
 - Workshops and interactive activities.
 - Practice exams and review sessions.

Dates for Boot Camp are published in the Academic Calendar and listed in the *College Catalog*.

On-Campus Requirements for Distance Learning Students

Distance Learning Students must be on campus to complete the following:

1. Final embalming case (12th case)
2. Restorative Art Lab hands-on components
3. Clinical demonstrations required in:
 - *COR 226 – Embalming II Lab*
 - *COR 236 – Restorative Art Lab II*

Note: Students should prepare for up to four (4) full days on campus at the end of the quarter that includes these courses. Students are responsible for all travel, lodging, and meals unless otherwise noted by the College.

Testing Policies

See the official syllabus for each course to determine the instructor guidelines concerning testing policies. Final exams will not be available for any student who has not completed the required clinical work for the current quarter.

A secure, automated online proctoring service is utilized within all distance learning courses.

Textbooks

Academic Information

Textbooks that have an electronic version available will be provided to students in the electronic form. The electronic version does provide students the opportunity to download the textbook to an electronic device which allows students to make notations/highlights for their own use. Students who prefer physical copies can elect to purchase textbooks through 3rd-party vendors when available.

Textbook Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities

Students that require physical textbooks due to approved accommodations, should contact the ADA/504 Coordinator on their campus to discuss steps.

National Board Exam (NBE)

Upon completion of all graduation requirements from the funeral service programs at Dallas Institute, there is generally an expectation that the graduate plans to pursue licensure. Many states have eligibility requirements for licensure that are contingent upon completing and successfully passing the National Board Examination (NBE). Dallas Institute encourages each graduate to schedule and take the NBE as soon as possible following graduation. For information on State Licensure requirements, please review:

<https://dallasinstitute.edu/academics-expert-faculty-funeral-professionals/state-licensure/>.

National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org in the Directory of Accredited Programs.

Student Services

All the College's Student Services programs and support teams are dedicated to ensuring you have what you need to succeed at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. There are several services available on campus to help you be successful, both inside and outside the classroom.

Student Financial Services

We serve the College community at large by assisting with Student Accounts, Tuition Installment Plan, and billing process works to the myriad of academic policies and deadlines. Student Financial Services (SFS) assists students in the handling of their financial affairs with the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. SFS collects all tuition payments and ensures that all charges for tuition, fees, and other related charges, are appropriately applied to student accounts. We also credit student accounts for financial aid, student loans, scholarships, and payments.

The telephone number for Student Financial Services is (214) 388-5466. If you have any questions, please email us at bursardi@dallasinstitute.edu.

Career Services and Job Board

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is committed to serving as a valuable resource for both employers and job seekers. We strive to provide current students, graduates, and alumni with access to meaningful career opportunities in the funeral service industry. Employers across the United States regularly recruit from our talented pool of students and alumni, and those open to relocating often have greater success in securing positions.

While the College offers guidance and resources to help graduates find suitable employment, the primary responsibility for job placement lies with the graduate. To assist with career development and job placement, the College maintains a comprehensive Job Board featuring employment opportunities posted throughout the year. Positions span the funeral service industry, local community, and beyond, offering students and alumni chances to apply their educational background and enhance their professional skills.

Jobs are posted electronically on the College's website and updated daily. Please note that students and alumni must contact employers directly to apply for any listed position.

We also invite funeral homes and businesses seeking qualified candidates to reach out for support in recruiting skilled professionals. Whether you are a student, graduate, or employer, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Career Services for assistance.

Please contact the College at (214) 388-5466 or by email CareerServices@dallasinstitute.edu with any questions.

Campus Job Board

Tutoring and Tutorial Services

The college provides tutoring services for both general education and funeral service courses. The tutoring opportunities are free of charge and open to all students currently enrolled at the institution. With the college's tutoring partnership with tutor.com, students can access online tutoring 24 hours a day to further support them with their general education course needs. Students can access tutor.com via their student learning platform. Students with additional questions should contact their academic advisor or the advising department at academicaffairs@dallasinstitute.edu.

Students seeking tutoring services for funeral service courses will find a combination of one-on-one and small group tutorials for many of the courses offered. Tutoring may be long-term, short-term, or single visits, depending upon the needs of each student. Tutoring for funeral service courses is available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the quarter. Please contact your instructor or academic advisor for more information regarding tutoring for funeral service courses.

Email and Microsoft Office Services

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service provides Microsoft Office 365 to all students who attend part-time or full-time.

Office 365 allows students to install Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneDrive, OneNote, Publisher, Delve, Sway, and Access on up to 5 PCs or Macs and Office apps on other mobile devices including Windows tablets and iPads®. The plan also includes 1TB of OneDrive storage, managed by the school.

Please contact [IT Support](#) for more Information regarding student's email account and Microsoft Office 365 support. Access your email account, please click [here](#).

Help Desk and IT Support Services

The College IT Services Help Desk provides prompt, knowledgeable, courteous technology support services over the phone, in person, and via email to the College community. During the operational hours of the college, 7am – 4pm Monday through Thursday, the Distance Learning Coordinator is the central contact point for questions about the use of information technology, including the Learning Management System, Student Information System, student email, and Office 365. For any after-hours assistance concerning IT support, the Help Desk will answer questions directly or facilitate a resolution if second-level technical support is required. To receive the highest level of support, please contact them using the information located at this link: [Help Desk](#).

If you are unable to submit a support request using the PMC IT Support Request Form or need after-hours technical support, call 888-256-1427 to reach the Pierce Mortuary Colleges IT Help Desk.

Accommodation Services

The College works to ensure that qualified students, whether incoming or current students, with a disability, are provided with reasonable accommodations that enable a student to participate fully in the activities, programs, services, and benefits provided to all students. In conjunction with Pierce Mortuary Colleges, accommodation services also promote the College's compliance with applicable disability laws and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

For more information regarding ADA accommodations, please visit our website, <https://dallasinstitute.edu/admissions/accommodations/>, or email the following individuals according to your current status as a student:

1. If you have been accepted for matriculation into the College or are a currently enrolled student, please email the Dean of Academic's
2. If you are in the application process – admissions@dallasinstitute.edu
3. To speak with an individual concerning information on accommodation services by phone, please call the college at (214) 388-5466 and ask for one of the individuals listed above.

Extracurricular Organizations, Clubs, Student Activities, and Events

Getting involved with a student organization, fraternity, clubs, organizations, college events, and outings is a great way to explore and develop your identity within the college community. By joining or attending, students make lasting connections and memories. Getting involved or attending events is encouraged for all students, whether online or an on-campus student. One of the many ways student groups have helped out greater communities is to make charitable contributions.

Student developed activities help students grow as leaders, and their efforts make a positive impact at the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. There are many ways for students to get involved and we hope to serve as a connection point for students in finding the opportunity that is right for them. Please contact the College should you like to start a new club, get assistance in planning an event, or find a group who shares your passions.

Two of the ongoing organizations/activities are:

Pi Sigma Eta – Pi Sigma Eta is a nationally chartered professional and social funeral service fraternity. Admission to membership in the Epsilon Chapter is based on scholastic standing, an invitation, and is subject to the rules and regulations of the Supreme Council.

Funeral Service Organizations and Allied Trades – Students are invited to join national, state and local funeral service organizations at special membership rates. These organizations often sponsor scholarships, in-kind donations and many other benefits.

Student Services

Members of allied trades organizations provide networking opportunities and mentoring that add to funeral service education. Firms associated with funeral service sponsor student seminars, field trips, lunches and other activities.

If you have any questions, please call us at (214) 388-5466 or drop by our office with your questions and ideas!

Certifications

The College may provide selected certifications to students that are great ways to learn more about a specific funeral service skill set. These certifications will enhance your resume by making you more competitive and increasing your eligibility for a wider variety of opportunities.

Other certifications and certificates are selected by the College as they are available.

As of January 2025, only the Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service program will be open for enrollment.

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) a national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. It is important to note that the College is not regionally accredited. As a result, transfer of credits to other institutions or acceptance of credentials earned at the College by other schools may be limited and is determined at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service

Program Overview

The Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service (AAS) curriculum at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is designed to meet the prerequisites for licensure and employment in funeral service. The curriculum offers both theoretical and practical fundamentals of funeral service. The program is offered in academic quarters, with each quarter consisting of eleven weeks of study. The program is developed with the input of successful professionals, ensuring exceptional career relevance, and designed to impart real-world knowledge and skills.

Curriculum

The curriculum fulfills the requirements of all accreditation regulations and is a blend of theoretical and practical fundamentals of the funeral profession, as well as the liberal arts. The courses are listed under the headings of:

1. Public Health and Technical
2. Business Management and Professional
3. Social Sciences
4. Legal, Ethical, Regulatory
5. General Education

General Education Requirements

- All general education requirements for the associate degree may be completed here at the college
- No previous college credit needed to enter the program
- The degree will fulfill all general education requirements

General education courses provide a foundation for professional success. Students learn to think critically, make rational decisions, and communicate effectively. These skills support their ability to acquire, evaluate, and use the specific knowledge needed for the program.

Graduation Requirements

To be considered a candidate for graduation from the AAS at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, the following guidelines must be met:

Academic Programs

1. The student has successfully completed the AAS program of instruction with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and passing grades in all courses;
2. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Clinical Embalming Program as specified by the College and the American Board of Funeral Service Education; also, be certified by the qualified faculty member as minimally technically competent in entry level embalming practices;
3. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Funeral Director Practicum

If the student has an outstanding balance with the College at the time of graduation, the College will not post the award to the student's official transcript until the balance is paid in full. Official transcripts showing the awarding of a degree or certificate are required in most states for licensure.

Courses by Quarter

Quarter 1						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
MAT 100	Mathematics for Business	33	0	0	33	3
ENG 100	English Grammar and Composition	44	0	0	44	4
INT 100	Preparing for Professional Success	33	0	0	33	3
TEC 101	Introduction to Technology	44	0	0	44	4
	Quarter 1 Totals	154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 2						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
SCI 100	Introduction to Natural Sciences	44	0	0	44	4
SCI 222	Introduction to Microbiology	22	0	0	22	2
SCI 202	Anatomical Foundations	44	0	0	44	4

Academic Programs

MGT 101	Small Business Management	44	0	0	44	4
Quarter 2 Totals		154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 3						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 220	Embalming I	33	0	0	33	3
COR 230	Restorative Art I	33	0	0	33	3
COR 201	Funeral Service Essentials	44	0	0	44	4
COR 242	Microbiology for Funeral Service	22	0	0	22	2
SCI 102	Introduction to Social Sciences	22	0	0	22	2
Quarter 3 Totals		154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 4						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 222	Embalming Lab I	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 232	Restorative Art Lab I	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 205	Cremation & Disposition Options	44	0	0	44	4
COR 210	Pathology I	22	0	0	22	2
COR 209	Funeral Service Communications	33	0	0	33	3
Quarter 4 Totals		99	66	0	165	12
Quarter 5						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours

Academic Programs

COR 224	Embalming II	33	0	0	33	3
COR 234	Restorative Art II	33	0	0	33	3
COR 207	Funeral Directing	44	0	0	44	4
COR 212	Pathology II	22	0	0	22	2
COR 211	Funeral Service Management	22	0	0	22	2
Quarter 5 Totals		154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 6						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 217	Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	22	0	0	22	2
COR 226	Embalming Lab II	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 236	Restorative Art Lab II	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 203	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	0	33	3
COR 215	Funeral Service Psychology	33	0	0	33	3
LAW 203	Practical Issues in Business Law	22	0	0	22	2
Quarter 6 Totals		110	66	0	176	13
Quarter 7						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
LAW 223	Law in Funeral Service	33	0	0	33	3
COR 228	Embalming III	33	0	0	33	3

Academic Programs

COR 238	Restorative Art III	33	0	0	33	3
COR 213	Funeral Service Sociology	44	0	0	44	4
	Quarter 7 Totals	143	0	0	143	13
Quarter 8						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
CAP 290	Capstone: Arts	22	0	0	22	2
CAP 292	Capstone: Science	22	0	0	22	2
CAP 294	Capstone: Pathway	22	0	0	22	2
	Quarter 8 Totals	66	0	0	66	6
	Program Total	1034	132	0	1166	100

Categories of Instruction

Public Health and Technical	Quarter Hours
Embalming	9
Embalming Lab	3
Restorative Art	9
Restorative Art Lab	3
Pathology	4
Microbiology for Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	30
Business Management and Professional	Quarter Hours
Preparing for Professional Success	3
Funeral Directing	4

Academic Programs

Funeral Service Merchandising	3
Cremation and Disposition Options	4
Funeral Service Essentials	4
Funeral Service Communications	3
Funeral Service Management	2
Capstone: Science	2
Capstone: Arts	2
Capstone: Pathway (Elective)	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	29
Social Sciences	Quarter Hours
Funeral Service Sociology	4
Funeral Service Psychology	3
Introduction to Social Sciences	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Ethical, Regulatory	Quarter Hours
Practical Issues in Business law	2
Law in Funeral Service	3
Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7
General Education	Quarter Hours
Mathematics for Business	3
English Grammar and Composition	4
Introduction to Natural Sciences	4
Introduction to Technology	4
Introduction to Microbiology	2
Small Business Management	4

Anatomical Foundations	4
Total Quarter hours in Division	25

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Associate of Applied Science (Teach-Out)

Program Overview

The Associate of Applied Science curriculum at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is designed to meet the prerequisites for licensure and employment in funeral service. It fulfills the requirements of accreditation and approval agencies. The curriculum offers both theoretical and practical fundamentals of funeral service. The program is offered in academic quarters, with each quarter consisting of eleven weeks of study. The program is developed with the input of successful professionals, ensuring exceptional career relevance, and designed to impart real-world knowledge and skills.

Curriculum

The curriculum fulfills the requirements of all accreditation regulations and is a blend of theoretical and practical fundamentals of the funeral profession, as well as the liberal arts. The courses are listed under the headings of:

1. Public Health
2. Business Management
3. Social Sciences
4. Legal, Ethical, Regulatory
5. Liberal Arts, and
6. General Education/Liberal Arts/Electives

General Education Requirements

- All general education requirements for the associate degree may be completed here at the college
- No previous college credit is necessary to enter the program
- The degree will fulfill all general education requirements

The general education courses provide a foundation for professional success. Students learn to think critically, make rational decisions, and communicate effectively. These skills support their ability to acquire, evaluate, and use the specific knowledge needed for the program.

Graduation Requirements

To be considered a candidate for graduation from the AAS at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, the following guidelines must be met:

Academic Programs

1. The student has successfully completed the AAS program of instruction with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and passing grades in all courses;
2. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Clinical Embalming Program as specified by the College and the American Board of Funeral Service Education; also, be certified by the qualified faculty member as minimally technically competent in entry level embalming practices;
3. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Funeral Director Practicum

If the student has an outstanding balance with the College at the time of graduation, the College will not post the award to the student's official transcript until the balance is paid in full. Official transcripts showing the awarding of a degree or certificate are required in most states for licensure.

Courses by Quarter

Quarter 1						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
ENG 105	English Composition	55	0	0	55	5
HIS 105	U.S. History Before 1877	55	0	0	55	5
HIS 205	U.S. History After 1877	55	0	0	55	5
MAT 105	College Math	55	0	0	55	5
Totals		220	0	0	220	20
Quarter 2						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSM 104	Basic Accounting	44	0	0	44	4
FS 104	Business Law	44	0	0	44	4
FS 132	Counseling	22	0	0	22	2

Academic Programs

FSM 113	Funeral Service Administration	33	0	0	33	3
FS 102	History of Funeral Service	22	0	0	22	2
FS 152	Funeral Service Sociology	22	0	0	22	2
FSM 123	Professional Communications	33	0	0	33	3
Totals		220	0	0	220	20
Quarter 3						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSS 102	Human Anatomy I	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 111	Chemistry I	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 211	Embalming I & Clinical	11	0	11	22	1
FSM 103	Small Business Management I	33	0	0	33	3
FS 101	Funeral Service Ethics	11	0	0	11	1
FSM 203	Funeral Service Management	33	0	0	33	3
FSM 303	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	0	33	3
PSY 105	General Psychology	55	0	0	55	5

Academic Programs

FSS 131	Restorative Art I	11	0	0	11	1
Totals		220	0	11	231	20
Quarter 4						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSS 203	Human Anatomy II	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 223	Chemistry II	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 303	Embalming II & Clinical	33	0	11	44	3
FS 142	Funeral Service Law	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 122	Microbiology I	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 144	Funeral Service Pathology	44	0	0	44	4
FSS 233	Restorative Art II	33	0	0	33	3
Totals		220	0	11	231	20
Quarter 5						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSS 301	Human Anatomy III	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 421	Chemistry III	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 402	Embalming III	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 311	Embalming Lab – DL	0	22	0	22	1
FSM 402	Funeral Directing	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 242	Microbiology II	22	0	0	22	2

Academic Programs

FS 203	Psychology of Grief	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 321	Restorative Art III	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 341	Restorative Art III – Lab	0	22	0	22	1
FSM 213	Small Business Management II	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 411	Capstone Review – Sciences	11	0	0	11	1
FSM 411	Capstone Review – Arts	11	0	0	11	1
Totals		187	44	0	231	19
Program Totals		1067	44	22	1133	99

Categories of Instruction

Public Health and Technical (FSS)	Quarter Hours
Anatomy	6
Chemistry	5
Embalming	7
Microbiology	4
Pathology	4
Restorative Art	6
Capstone Review – Sciences	1
Practicum	Required
Total Quarter hours in Division	33
Business Management (FSM)	Quarter Hours
Accounting	4

Academic Programs

Funeral Service Administration	3
Funeral Service Management	3
Funeral Service Merchandising	3
Funeral Directing	2
Small Business Management	6
Professional Communications	3
Capstone Review – Arts	1
Funeral Service Practicum	0
Total Quarter hours in Division	25
Social Science (FS)	Quarter Hours
Funeral Service Counseling	2
Funeral Service Sociology	2
Grief Psychology	3
History of Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Regulatory and Ethics (FS)	Quarter Hours
Business Law	4
Funeral Service Ethics	1
Funeral Service Law	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7
General Education/Liberal Arts/Electives	Quarter Hours
College Mathematics	5
English Composition	5
General Psychology	5
U.S. History Before 1877	5

U.S. History Since 1877	5
Total Quarter hours in Division	25

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Associate of Applied Science – Online (Teach-Out)

Program Overview

The Associate of Applied Science – Online curriculum at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service is designed to meet the prerequisites for licensure and employment in funeral service. It fulfills the requirements of accreditation and approval agencies. The curriculum offers both theoretical and practical fundamentals of funeral service. The program is offered in academic quarters, with each quarter consisting of eleven weeks of study. The program is developed with the input of successful professionals, ensuring exceptional career relevance, and designed to impart real-world knowledge and skills.

Curriculum

The curriculum fulfills the requirements of all accreditation regulations and is a blend of theoretical and practical fundamentals of the funeral profession, as well as the liberal arts. The courses are listed under the headings of:

1. Public Health
2. Business Management
3. Social Sciences
4. Legal, Ethical, Regulatory
5. Liberal Arts, and
6. General Education/Liberal Arts/Electives

General Education Requirements

- All general education requirements for the associate degree may be completed here at the college
- No previous college credit needed to enter the program
- The degree will fulfill all general education requirements

The general education courses provide a foundation for professional success. Students learn to think critically, make rational decisions, and communicate effectively. These skills support their ability to acquire, evaluate, and use the specific knowledge needed for the program.

Graduation Requirements

To be considered a candidate for graduation from the AAS at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, the following guidelines must be met:

Academic Programs

1. The student has successfully completed the AAS program of instruction with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and passing grades in all courses;
2. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Clinical Embalming Program as specified by the College and the American Board of Funeral Service Education; also, be certified by the qualified faculty member as minimally technically competent in entry level embalming practices;
3. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Funeral Director Practicum

If the student has an outstanding balance with the College at the time of graduation, the College will not post the award to the student's official transcript until the balance is paid in full. Official transcripts showing the awarding of a degree or certificate are required in most states for licensure.

Courses by Quarter

Quarter 1						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
ENG 105	English Composition	55	0	0	55	5
HIS 105	U.S. History Before 1877	55	0	0	55	5
HIS 205	U.S. History After 1877	55	0	0	55	5
MAT 105	College Math	55	0	0	55	5
Totals		220	0	0	220	20
Quarter 2						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSM 104	Basic Accounting	44	0	0	44	4
FS 104	Business Law	44	0	0	44	4
FS 132	Counseling	22	0	0	22	2

Academic Programs

FSM 113	Funeral Service Administration	33	0	0	33	3
FS 102	History of Funeral Service	22	0	0	22	2
FS 152	Funeral Service Sociology	22	0	0	22	2
FSM 123	Professional Communications	33	0	0	33	3
Totals		220	0	0	220	20
Quarter 3						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSS 102	Human Anatomy I	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 111	Chemistry I	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 211	Embalming I & Clinical	11	0	11	22	1
FSM 103	Small Business Management I	33	0	0	33	3
FS 101	Funeral Service Ethics	11	0	0	11	1
FSM 203	Funeral Service Management	33	0	0	33	3
FSM 303	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	0	33	3
PSY 105	General Psychology	55	0	0	55	5

Academic Programs

FSS 131	Restorative Art I	11	0	0	11	1
Totals		220	0	11	231	20
Quarter 4						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSS 203	Human Anatomy II	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 223	Chemistry II	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 303	Embalming II & Clinical	33	0	11	44	3
FS 142	Funeral Service Law	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 122	Microbiology I	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 144	Funeral Service Pathology	44	0	0	44	4
FSS 233	Restorative Art II	33	0	0	33	3
Totals		220	0	11	231	20
Quarter 5						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSS 301	Human Anatomy III	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 421	Chemistry III	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 402	Embalming III	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 311	Embalming Lab – DL	0	22	0	22	1
FSM 402	Funeral Directing	22	0	0	22	2
FSS 242	Microbiology II	22	0	0	22	2

Academic Programs

FS 203	Psychology of Grief	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 321	Restorative Art III	11	0	0	11	1
FSS 341	Restorative Art III – Lab	0	22	0	22	1
FSM 213	Small Business Management II	33	0	0	33	3
FSS 411	Capstone Review – Sciences	11	0	0	11	1
FSM 411	Capstone Review – Arts	11	0	0	11	1
Totals		187	44	0	231	19
Program Totals		1067	44	22	1133	99

Categories of Instruction

Public Health and Technical (FSS)	Quarter Hours
Anatomy – DL	6
Chemistry – DL	5
Embalming – DL	7
Microbiology – DL	4
Pathology – DL	4
Restorative Art – DL	6
Capstone Review – Sciences – DL	1
Practicum – DL	Required
Total Quarter hours in Division	33
Business Management (FSM)	Quarter Hours
Accounting – DL	4
Funeral Service Administration – DL	3
Funeral Service Management – DL	3
Funeral Service Merchandising – DL	3
Funeral Directing – DL	2
Small Business Management – DL	6
Professional Communications – DL	3
Capstone Review – Arts – DL	1
Funeral Service Practicum	0

Academic Programs

Total Quarter hours in Division	25
Social Science (FS)	Quarter Hours
Funeral Service Counseling – DL	2
Funeral Service Sociology – DL	2
Grief Psychology – DL	3
History of Funeral Service – DL	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Regulatory and Ethics (FS)	Quarter Hours
Business Law – DL	4
Funeral Service Ethics – DL	1
Funeral Service Law – DL	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7
General Education/Liberal Arts/Electives	Quarter Hours
College Mathematics – DL	5
English Composition – DL	5
General Psychology – DL	5
U.S. History Before 1877 – DL	5
U.S. History Since 1877 – DL	5
Total Quarter hours in Division	25

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Funeral Director's Program (Teach-Out)

Program Overview

This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program will not have the academic credential for licensure in states where graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.

The Funeral Director's Program is currently only approved for those planning to practice in Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, or Oklahoma.

This program is not eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

Graduation Requirements

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Certificate Plan by Quarter

Quarter 1					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSM 104	Basic Accounting	44	0	44	4
FS 104	Business Law	44	0	44	4
FS 132	Counseling	22	0	22	2
FSM 113	Funeral Service Administration	33	0	33	3
FS 142	Funeral Service Law	22	0	22	2
FS 102	History of Funeral Service	22	0	22	2
FS 152	Funeral Service Sociology	22	0	22	2
FSM 123	Professional Communications	33	0	33	3
BM 432	Stress Management I (online)	22	0	22	2
Totals		264		264	24
Quarter 2					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FS 101	Funeral Service Ethics	11	0	11	1
FSM 203	Funeral Service Management	33	0	33	3
FSM 303	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	33	3
FSM 402	Funeral Directing	22	0	22	2
FS 203	Psychology of Grief	33	0	33	3
FSM 103	Small Business Management I	33	0	33	3
FSM 213	Small Business Management II	33	0	33	3

Academic Programs

FSM 411	Capstone Review – Art	11	0	11	1
BM 442	Stress Management II (online)	22	0	22	2
	Totals	231		231	21
	Program Totals	495		495	45

Categories of Instruction

Business Management (FSM)	Quarter Hours
Accounting	4
Funeral Service Administration	3
Funeral Service Management	3
Funeral Service Merchandising	3
Funeral Directing	2
Small Business Management & Computers	6
Stress Management	4
Professional Communications	3
Capstone Review – Arts	1
Total Quarter hours in Division	29
Social Science (FS)	Quarter Hours
Funeral Service Counseling	2
Funeral Service Sociology	2
Grief Psychology	3
History of Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Regulatory and Ethics (FS)	Quarter Hours
Business Law	4
Funeral Service Ethics	1
Funeral Service Law	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7

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Funeral Director's Program – Online (Teach-Out)

Program Overview

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The Funeral Director's Program Online is currently only approved for those planning to practice in Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, or Oklahoma.

This program is not eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

Graduation Requirements

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Online Certificate Plan by Quarter

Quarter 1					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FS 104	Business Law – DL	44	0	44	4
FS 132	Counseling – DL	22	0	22	2
FSM 113	Funeral Service Administration – DL	33	0	33	3
FS 102	History of Funeral Service – DL	22	0	22	2
BM 432	Stress Management I – DL	22	0	22	2
Totals		143		143	13
Quarter 2					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours

Academic Programs

FS 101	Funeral Service Ethics – DL	11	0	11	1
FSM 203	Funeral Service Management – DL	33	0	33	3
FSM 402	Funeral Directing – DL	22	0	22	2
FSM 103	Small Business Management I – DL	33	0	33	3
BM 442	Stress Management II – DL	22	0	22	2
Totals		121		121	11
Quarter 3					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSM 104	Basic Accounting – DL	44	0	44	4
FS 142	Funeral Service Law – DL	22	0	22	2
FS 152	Funeral Service Sociology – DL	22	0	22	2
FSM 123	Professional Communications – DL	33	0	33	3
Totals		121		121	11
Quarter 4					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
FSM 303	Funeral Service Merchandising – DL	33	0	33	3

Academic Programs

FS 203	Psychology of Grief – DL	33	0	33	3
FSM 213	Small Business Management II – DL	33	0	33	3
FSM 411	Capstone Review – Arts – DL	11	0	11	1
Totals		110		110	10
Program Totals		495		495	45

Categories of Instruction

Business Management (FSM)	Quarter Hours
Accounting	4
Funeral Service Administration	3
Funeral Service Management	3
Funeral Service Merchandising	3
Funeral Directing	2
Small Business Management & Computers	6
Stress Management	4
Professional Communications	3
Capstone Review – Arts	1
Total Quarter hours in Division	29
Social Science (FS)	Quarter Hours
Funeral Service Counseling	2
Funeral Service Sociology	2
Grief Psychology	3
History of Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Regulatory and Ethics (FS)	Quarter Hours
Business Law	4
Funeral Service Ethics	1
Funeral Service Law	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7

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Academic Programs

Funeral Director's Certificate

Program Overview

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Certificate Plan by Quarter

Quarter 1					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
SCI 102	Introduction to Social Sciences	22	0	22	2
INT 100	Preparing for Professional Success	33	0	33	3
LAW 223	Law in Funeral Service	33	0	33	3
COR 201	Funeral Service Essentials	44	0	44	4
COR 207	Funeral Directing	44	0	44	4
COR 211	Funeral Service Management	22	0	22	2
COR 213	Funeral Service Sociology	44	0	44	4
Totals		242		242	22
Quarter 2					

Academic Programs

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
LAW 203	Practical Issues in Business Law	22	0	22	2
MGT 101	Small Business Management	44	0	44	4
COR 203	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	33	3
COR 205	Cremation and Disposition Options	44	0	44	4
COR 209	Funeral Service Communications	33	0	33	3
COR 215	Funeral Service Psychology	33	0	33	3
COR 217	Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	22	0	22	2
CAP 290	Capstone Review – Arts	22	0	22	2
	Totals	253		253	23
	Program Totals	495		495	45

Categories of Instruction

Business Management & Professional (COR)	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 209 – Funeral Service Communications	3
COR 205 – Cremation & Disposition Options	4
COR 201 – Funeral Service Essentials	4
INT 100 – Preparing for Professional Success	3
COR 207 – Funeral Directing	4
COR 203 – Funeral Service Merchandising	3
COR 211 – Funeral Service Management	2
MGT 101 – Small Business Management	4
CAP 290 – Capstone: Arts	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	29
Social Science (COR & SCI)	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 215 – Funeral Service Psychology	3
SCI 102 – Introduction to Social Sciences	2
COR 213 – Funeral Service Sociology	4
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Regulatory, and Ethics (COR & LAW)	Quarter Credit Hours
LAW 203 – Practical Issues in Business Law	2
LAW 223 – Law in Funeral Service	3
COR 217 – Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	2

Academic Programs

Total Quarter hours in Division
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Funeral Director's Certificate – Online

Program Overview

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Please note: This program is not eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

Graduation Requirements

To be considered a candidate for graduation from the Funeral Director Certificate (FDC) at Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, the following guidelines must be met:

1. The student has successfully completed the FDC program of instruction with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and passing grades in all courses.
2. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Funeral Director Practicum.

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Online Certificate Plan by Quarter

Quarter 1					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
INT 100	Preparing for Professional Success	33	0	33	3
SCI 102	Introduction to Social Sciences	22	0	22	2
COR 207	Funeral Directing	44	0	44	4
COR 211	Funeral Service Management	22	0	22	2

Academic Programs

	Totals	121		121	11
Quarter 2					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
MGT 101	Small Business Management	44	0	44	4
LAW 203	Practical Issues in Business Law	22	0	22	2
COR 205	Cremation and Disposition Options	44	0	44	4
COR 209	Funeral Service Communications	33	0	33	3
	Totals	143		143	13
Quarter 3					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
LAW 223	Law in Funeral Service	33	0	33	3
COR 201	Funeral Service Essentials	44	0	44	4
COR 213	Funeral Service Sociology	44	0	44	4
	Totals	121		121	11
Quarter 4					
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Total Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 203	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	33	3

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COR 215	Funeral Service Psychology	33	0	33	3
COR 217	Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	22	0	22	2
CAP 290	Capstone Review – Arts	22	0	22	2
Totals		110		110	10
Program Totals		495		495	45

Categories of Instruction

Business Management & Professional (COR)	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 209 – Funeral Service Communications	3
COR 205 – Cremation & Disposition Options	4
COR 201 – Funeral Service Essentials	4
INT 100 – Preparing for Professional Success	3
COR 207 – Funeral Directing	4
COR 203 – Funeral Service Merchandising	3
COR 211 – Funeral Service Management	2
MGT 101 – Small Business Management	4
CAP 290 – Capstone: Arts	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	29
Social Science (COR & SCI)	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 215 – Funeral Service Psychology	3
SCI 102 – Introduction to Social Sciences	2
COR 213 – Funeral Service Sociology	4
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Regulatory, and Ethics (COR & LAW)	Quarter Credit Hours
LAW 203 – Practical Issues in Business Law	2
LAW 223 – Law in Funeral Service	3
COR 217 – Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7

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Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service

General Education Courses

MAT 100 Mathematics for Business (3 QH)

This course is intended to support students in developing skills, strategies, and reasoning needed to succeed in mathematics. Topics include introductory treatments of sets and logic, financial mathematics, probability, and statistics with appropriate applications. Number sense, proportional reasoning, estimation, technology, and communication will be embedded throughout the course. Communication and appropriate use of technology is included. Additional topics may be covered.

ENG 100 English Grammar and Composition (4 QH)

Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing. Emphasis on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. The basic skills to be successful at a college and professional level are explored, focusing on APA style writing, proper grammar, and paper composition. Upon completion, students will have the skills needed to perform at a college and professional level.

TEC 101 Introduction to Technology (4 QH)

A basic introduction to data processing, hardware, software, and operating systems for current systems and applications. Basic technology skills are designed to inform the student on modern applications of computer skills and how they may be applied to be successful as a student and working professional.

SCI 100 Introduction to Natural Sciences (4 QH)

This course will provide a foundation for students to develop an understanding of terminology related to the natural sciences. Students will be introduced to basic anatomical terms, including the anatomical position, directional terms, and gross anatomical regions and planes. Also, an introduction to general, organic, and biochemistry.

SCI 202 Anatomical Foundations (4 QH)

This course will expose the student to a study of the structure and function of the human body. Systems include the following: integumentary system, skeletal system, digestive system, urinary system, reproductive system, respiratory system, cardiovascular system, endocrine system, nervous system, and muscular system.

Course Descriptions

SCI 222 Introduction to Microbiology (2 QH)

This course is an introduction to the study of the anatomy, physiology, and methods of control of microorganisms. A fundamental approach to the mechanisms of pathogenicity and host response to infection through a study of immunology is also presented.

MGT 101 Small Business Management (4 QH)

This course explores the principles of management applicable to small business. Areas of study include planning for a new or existing business, organization, location, and marketing strategies. Financial planning, basic accounting, capital asset management, personnel management, use of technology and elements of sound business management will be emphasized.

Funeral Service Core Courses – Public Health and Technical

COR 220 Embalming I (3 QH)

This is an introductory course in embalming, concentrating on professionalism, accountability, responsibility, and legal regulation. Students will learn the overall value of embalming, terminology of death, and the physical and chemical changes that occur in the body. Embalming instruments, preparation room equipment and supplies are also discussed.

COR 222 Embalming Lab I (1.5 QH)

This course will expose students to the practical application of embalming. The student will experience and discuss embalming procedures and applications through physical, virtual, and/or technological conveyed mediums. **Prerequisite: COR 220**

COR 224 Embalming II (3 QH)

This course presents students with an intense study of embalming case analysis through the completion of a case. Students will study areas to include embalming chemicals, positioning, posing features, vascular considerations, fluid mechanics, and cavity treatment. **Prerequisite: COR 222**

COR 226 Embalming Lab II (1.5 QH)

This course will further expose students to the practical applications of embalming theory. Students will be presented with an immersive experience in embalming application through virtual and in-person interaction with instructors and preceptors. Students will complete a clinical embalming experience to demonstrate competency. **Prerequisite: COR 224**

COR 228 – Embalming III (3 QH)

This course focuses on the handling of special cases and the proper embalming procedures of each. Attention is devoted to many of the unique challenges facing the modern embalmer.

Prerequisite: *COR 226*

COR 230 Restorative Art I (3 QH)

This course will introduce students to the basic principles of restorative art, with a detailed focus on the study of facial features and structures. Students will study individual features and explore facial markings, proportions, profiles, and shapes. The course will also include an in-depth review of the bones of the head, muscles of form and expression, subcutaneous tissues, and integument.

COR 232 Restorative Art Lab I (1.5 QH)

This course will present students with the foundational principles and application of restorative art in funeral service, including the study of modeling media and techniques. Students will apply techniques in the modeling of facial features. **Prerequisite:** *COR 230*

COR 234 Restorative Art II (3 QH)

A survey of the basic principles of Restorative Art as they relate to Funeral Service. Emphasis is placed on general and special restoration techniques, hair restoration and color theory. **Prerequisite:** *COR 232*

COR 236 Restorative Art Lab II (1.5 QH)

This course will include extensive focus on the practical application of Restorative Art in funeral service. Students will be guided through a practical application of Restorative Art techniques and practices. This lab must be taken on-campus. **Prerequisite:** *COR 234*

COR 238 – Restorative Art III (3 QH)

A final review of the techniques needed for restoring and recreating the acceptable physical appearance of the deceased. **Prerequisite:** *COR 236*

COR 210 Pathology I (2 QH)

This course will provide an introduction to disease processes and their impact on the human body. It will include basic pathological terminology, a study of the divisions of pathology, the nature and cause of disease, circulatory disturbances, inflammation, and a study of tumors and cysts. Also included, an introduction to special pathology. **Prerequisite:** *SCI 100*

Course Descriptions

COR 212 Pathology II (2 QH)

This course provides students an intense focus in special pathology. The areas of concentration include a study of the diseases and their effect on the systems of the body. **Prerequisite: COR 210**

COR 242 Microbiology for Funeral Service (2 QH)

This course is an intense exploration of microbiology principles as related to specific bacteria, rickettsia, chlamydia, viruses, fungi and protozoa and the infections they cause. The relationship to funeral service practice is established by an analysis of the possible transmission of microorganisms to funeral service personnel and the public. **Prerequisites: SCI 100, SCI 222**

Funeral Service Core Courses – Business Management and Professional

INT 100 Preparing for Professional Success (3 QH)

This course explores essential study skills for college level academics, as well as proven methods for stress management. Emphasis is given to organizational and time management skills, as well as concepts of mindfulness. Additionally, this course explores current trends in the workforce in terms of expectations and requirements, pay rates and job placement, and professional practices.

COR 201 Funeral Service Essentials (4 QH)

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the history of funeral service, highlighting the individuals, events, and cultural forces that have shaped contemporary funeral principles and practices, while exploring the evolution of professional associations and educational standards within the funeral service industry.

COR 203 Funeral Service Merchandising (3 QH)

This course introduces students to the basics of merchandising as it applies to the funeral profession. This course explores the construction and features of caskets, outer burial containers, and other funeral, cremation, and cemetery products. It also examines methods of purchasing, pricing, display, and sale of funeral and cemetery merchandise as well as funeral and cemetery services.

COR 205 Cremation and Disposition Options (4 QH)

This course will provide students an overview of cremation topics including proper procedures, legal considerations, services, merchandise, trends, and the history of cremation. This course

will also explore non-traditional disposition options including eco-friendly funerals, cryonics, alkaline hydrolysis, green burial, natural organic reduction, and burial at sea.

COR 207 Funeral Directing (4 QH)

This course will focus on the fundamental duties, responsibilities, and expectations of those practicing funeral service. Including notification of death, transfer of remains, conduct of the arrangement conference, prefunded/preplanned funerals, religious practices, shipment of remains, and aftercare. **Prerequisite: COR 201**

COR 209 Funeral Service Communications (3 QH)

This course will provide students a survey of the basic principles of effective communication skills as they relate to funeral service. Topics will include the communication process, language, nonverbal communication, listening, self-concept, public speaking; interpersonal, group, business communication with an emphasis on soft skills; and the use of technology in communication.

COR 211 Funeral Service Management (2 QH)

This course is a broad overview of the basic principles of Funeral Service Management. General management theory is applied to funeral service practice with a focus on concepts, functions, and areas of management. In addition, trends in funeral service and disaster preparedness are explored.

CAP 290 – Capstone: Science (2 QH)

This course is a comprehensive review and learning assessment of the arts (non-science) curriculum to prepare students to successfully complete the capstone competency exam. Emphasis is placed on specific problem areas and the requirements for licensure examinations.

CAP 292 – Capstone: Arts (2 QH)

This course is a comprehensive review and learning assessment of the science curriculum to prepare students to successfully complete the capstone competency exam. Emphasis is placed on specific problem areas and the requirements for licensure examinations.

CAP 294 – Capstone: Pathway (2 QH)

This course will help students transition from the classroom into their professional funeral service careers. Students will create polished résumés and application materials, participate in interview preparation and experiences, complete state apprenticeship and licensure steps, and register for the National Board Exams. By the end of the course, students will have completed all graduation and licensure paperwork required to begin their apprenticeship and pursue a career in funeral service.

Course Descriptions

Capstone Course(s) Prerequisites:

All other courses within the Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service program must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in the capstone sequence. In addition, students must fulfill all Embalming Clinical Case, Funeral Directing Practicum, and Restorative Art Laboratory requirements.

Note:

The capstone sequence—CAP 290 Capstone Arts, CAP 292 Capstone Science, and CAP 294 Capstone Pathways—is taken concurrently during the final quarter of the program. These courses may not be attempted until all academic and clinical requirements have been satisfied.

Funeral Service Core Courses – Social Sciences

SCI 102 Introduction to Social Sciences (2 QH)

This course is designed to introduce students to psychological and sociological norms. Students will learn concepts of general psychology including schools of thought, areas of specialization, social behavior, and emotional intelligence. Students will form a sociological foundation in building relationships with co-workers, community, clientele, and business.

COR 213 – Funeral Service Sociology (4 QH)

This course provides students with principles of sociology as related to funeral service. Emphasis is placed on family and social structures, and the changes in each as related to funeral service. This course will also examine religious, fraternal, and military rites as they relate to funeral service. **Prerequisite: SCI 102**

COR 215 – Funeral Service Psychology (3 QH)

This course examines psychology and counseling as they relate to funeral service. Specifically stressed are the psychological concepts in the areas of grief, bereavement, mourning, aftercare, and crisis intervention with emphasis on the role of the funeral practitioner. **Prerequisite: SCI 102**

Funeral Service Core Courses – Legal, Ethical, Regulatory

LAW 203 – Practical Issues in Business Law (2 QH)

This course is a survey of the basic principles of business law. The course highlights the bodies of law and the judicial system found in the United States of America including contracts, sales, bailments, negotiable instruments, agency, employment, and business organizations.

LAW 223 – Law in Funeral Service (3 QH)

This course is designed to introduce students to the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the funeral service practitioner and funeral establishment. Including but not limited to state and federal laws, regulations and administrative agency law pertaining to funeral service.

Prerequisite: LAW 203

COR 217 Ethical Applications in Funeral Service (2 QH)

This course will familiarize students with the origins, philosophy, and importance of ethics in funeral service. This course will help students develop a strong set of professional ethics. This knowledge will help funeral practitioners do what is proper and in the best interest of those they serve while maintaining the public trust.

Associate of Applied Science & Associate of Applied Science – Online (Teach-Out)

General Education Courses

Course descriptions are designed to depict each course content in understandable items to aid the student in a complete comprehension of requisite studies to attain the objectives of the program.

ENG 105 – English Composition (5 QH)

This course is designed to improve students' English writing skills, emphasizing thesis support and development, Standard English grammar, sentence structure, paragraph development, mechanical correctness, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary. Students will be required to read several selections and to respond analytically and critically to the reading. Students will write various styles of compositions and essays. This course introduces research skills and conventions of documentation.

HST 105 – United States History before 1877 (5 QH)

This course presents an introduction to the political, social, economic, and cultural history of the United States to the end of reconstruction of the South following the Civil War. The course is designed to help students understand and evaluate their society and to comprehend the historical experience.

HST 205 – United States History since 1877 (5 QH)

This course is an intensive analysis of the history of the United States after the reconstruction of the South following the Civil War and ends with the current events of historical significance. After completing this course of study, the student will be able to discuss and recognize the problems and the attitudes that have shaped our present-day events.

Course Descriptions

MAT 105 – College Mathematics (5 QH)

College Mathematics begins with a business-oriented review of basic math operations, including whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. A study of basic equations is used to encourage critical thinking in solving business problems. These tools then aid in the wide range study of business math topics, including personal finances, real business applications and forms, and presenting numerical data.

PSY 105 – General Psychology (5 QH)

The course overviews the major theories and scientific research examining the human mind and behavior. The topics range from studies of perception, cognition, memory, language, and thought to studies of development, personality, relationships, motivation, abnormal patterns of thought and behavior, and cultural differences.

Funeral Service Core Courses

FSS 102 – Human Anatomy I (2 QH)

This course is an introduction to anatomy, basic terminology, and body organization. Included is a detailed study of the skeletal, integumentary and muscular systems.

FSS 111 – Chemistry I (1 QH)

This course consists of a brief introduction to the following subjects: fundamental concepts, atomic structure, and classification of the elements, chemical equations, acids, bases, and salts.

FSS 122 – Microbiology I (2 QH)

The first quarter of microbiology is an introduction to the study of microorganisms, and their anatomy, physiology, and methods for control. A fundamental approach to the mechanisms of pathogenicity and host response to infection through a study of immunology is also presented.

FSS 131 – Restorative Art I (1 QH)

The student is taught the basic fundamentals of restorative art in regard to case evaluation and procedures needed for proper restoration. The course includes such areas as bones of the head and bony landmarks affecting surface form, muscles, facial markings, and tissue thickness. Facial proportions, profile shapes, and front view head shapes are discussed. The features of the head and its individual parts are integral in aiding the student in restoring a complete face as required in the laboratory. Throughout the course, emphasis is placed on the use of proper terminology as well as terms of position and direction.

FSS 144 – Funeral Service Pathology (4 QH)

This class is designed to provide sufficient knowledge to understand the need for public health regulations. It includes a study of general pathology, with an introduction to the terminology and the fundamentals of disease processes throughout the body. It then continues with an emphasis on special pathology by studying the diseases of specific organs and organ systems.

FSS 203 – Human Anatomy II (3 QH)

This course is a very extensive study of the circulatory system, including the cardiovascular system, blood vascular system and lymphatic system. **Prerequisite: FSS 102**

FSS 211 – Embalming I and Clinical Experience (1 QH)

This is an introductory course in embalming; concentrating on professionalism, accountability, and responsibility, as well as legal regulation. Students learn the overall value of embalming. Physical and chemical changes that occur in the body and the terminology of death are studied. Embalming instruments, preparation room equipment and supplies are discussed.

The student is required to assist with the embalming and preparation of a minimum of eleven (11) dead human bodies prior to being enrolled in Embalming III. These cases will be completed under the direct supervision of embalming lab preceptors. The embalming experience takes place either on-campus in the school's preparation facilities or in licensed off-campus facilities. Students must provide their own transportation to off-campus sites. To successfully complete this class, you must complete a minimum of five (5) clinical embalming cases as described in the College Catalog and Handbook. If you do not complete this clinical requirement, you will receive the grade of "F" in this course and must repeat it. You will not be allowed to progress to Embalming II.

FSS 223 – Chemistry II (3 QH)

This course involves the study of organic chemistry, carbon, and its related compounds as well as an overview of biochemistry, the chemistry of life. **Prerequisite: FSS 111**

FSS 233 – Restorative Art II (3 QH)

This portion of the restorative art course covers such areas as restorative art waxes and their adaptation to various restorative cases. Methods of attachment and support for the ear and nose, as well as problem cases with the mouth and eyes are also included. Color theory and the importance of color in the industry are covered at length. This discussion of color leads directly into the study of cosmetics and their application for viewing in the funeral setting. **Prerequisite: FSS 131**

FSS 242 – Microbiology II (2 QH)

The second quarter of microbiology concentrates on specific bacteria, rickettsia, chlamydia, viruses, fungi, and protozoa, along with the infections they cause. Portals of entry and exit of each microorganism and their modes of transmission are particularly emphasized in this section. **Prerequisite: FSS 122**

FSS 301 – Human Anatomy III (1 QH)

This course is a study of the basic anatomical structures and physiological principles of the digestive, respiratory, endocrine, excretory, reproductive, and nervous systems. The quarter ends with a review of all systems of the body. **Prerequisites: FSS 102, 203**

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FSS 303 – Embalming II and Clinical Experience (3 QH)

A continuation of FSS 211, this course presents an in-depth study of embalming case analysis, beginning with pre-embalming, embalming, and post-embalming procedures. Proper procedures and techniques are presented in preparation for professional practice.

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FSS 311 – Embalming Lab (1 QH)

Embalming laboratory covers an in-depth look at the preparation room and the components of an adequate embalming facility including a detailed look at OSHA guidelines and how they affect the embalming procedure. Anatomical and linear guides are also discussed as they relate specifically to embalming. The remainder of the course is devoted to studying the components of embalming fluids and how the chemicals are used for treating the dead human body. Calculation of embalming solution strengths is also discussed. **Prerequisite: FSS 211, 301 (may be taken concurrently with FSS 402)**

FSS 321 – Restorative Art III (1 QH)

Hypodermic tissue building, hair restorations, burns, abrasions, and decapitation cases are but a few of the many special cases considered in this section of the course. The student is instructed in proper methods of Restorative Art for each of three phases: pre embalming; embalming, and post embalming periods. **Prerequisites: FSS 131, 233**

FSS 341 – Restorative Art III – Lab (1 QH)

Each student is supplied with a specially prepared cosmetic mask and a complete mortuary cosmetic kit. Here the student learns the basics of cosmetizing the face, including the practical application of cosmetics to the cosmetic mask for both normal and problem cases. **Prerequisites: FSS 131, 233 (may be taken concurrently with FSS 321)**

FSS 402 – Embalming III (2 QH)

This course is devoted to the handling of special cases and the proper embalming procedure of each. Attention is devoted to the many unique challenges facing the modern embalmer. **Prerequisites: FSS 211, 303, and may be taken concurrently with 311**

FSS 421 – Chemistry III (1 QH)

This course begins with an in-depth study of solutions and their properties. It also includes a study of embalming chemistry, the chemistry of decomposition, preservation and disinfection of the dead human body. **Prerequisites: FSS 111, 223**

FSS 411 – Capstone Review – Sciences (1 QH)

This is a comprehensive review of all the science courses. Each subject area will have review material, lectures on critical thinking, and test taking skills, followed by examinations to prepare the student for their final exams and appropriate licensing exam. **Pre/Co – Requisites: FSS 102, 203, 301, 111, 223, 421, 122, 242, 144, 211, 303, 311, 402, 131, 233, 321, 341**

FSM 103 – Small Business Management I (3 QH)

This course discusses the principles of management applicable to small business. The major areas of study include planning for a new or existing business, organization, location, and marketing strategies.

FSM 104 – Basic Accounting (4 QH)

This course is an introduction to the basic theories of accounting and the application of theories in preparation of accounting records and financial statements. Additional emphasis is placed on accounting for the single proprietorship type of business organization.

FSM 113 – Funeral Service Administration (3 QH)

This course focuses on best practices during initial notification, removal of remains, arrangement conference and funeral service. It includes the use of all funeral service documentation, Social Security and Veteran's Administration forms and in-depth discussion of The Federal Trade Commission Funeral Rule and OSHA standards.

FSM 123 – Professional Communications (3 QH)

This course combines the necessary guidelines for written and oral communications when dealing with consumers, colleges, allied services and the media. It focuses on best practices in interpersonal relationships and the development of soft skills.

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This course includes a study of management and employee motivation theories, funeral home management requirements, hiring and termination requirements and understanding trends in funeral service. It includes a concise study of crematory policies and operation principles.

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This course is a continuation of small business management, with emphasis upon financial planning, capital asset management, personnel management, and elements of sound business

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management. The computer as a business tool, financial tool, marketing device, and sales analysis tool is also included. ***May be taken concurrently with: FSM 103***

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This course includes a study of the funeral arrangement, funeral procedure, and types of services, including religious, fraternal organizations, and military services.

FSM 411 – Capstone Review – Arts (1 QH)

This is a comprehensive review of all the arts (non-science) courses. Each subject area will have review material, lectures on critical thinking, and test taking skills, followed by examinations to prepare the student for their final exams and appropriate licensing exam. ***Pre/Co – requisites: FSM 103, 123, 104, 113 203, 213, 303, 402; FS 101, 102, 104, 132, 142, 152, 203***

FS 101 – Funeral Service Ethics (1 QH)

Both personal and professional ethics will be discussed in this course. Focus will be placed on the ethical beliefs of the individual as well as the ethical behavior that a funeral service practitioner should exhibit.

FS 102 – History of Funeral Service (2 QH)

Both funeral service and embalming are included in this history course from the beginnings to modern funeral practices. It covers the history of such cultures as the Egyptians, Hebrews, Greeks, Romans, and early Christians. Historical contributions by influential individuals to both funeral service and the art of embalming are also covered.

FS 104 – Business Law (4 QH)

This course is an introduction to business law, courts and court procedure, contracts, property sales, and bailments. It also includes the study of commercial paper, agency and employment, risk bearing devices and the nature of property.

FS 132 – Funeral Service Counseling (2 QH)

This course will promote greater understanding for what takes place during an "at need" arrangement conference. Basic skills and techniques utilized in counseling will be discussed, along with what qualities and characteristics a counselor needs.

FS 142 – Funeral Service Law (2 QH)

This course is structured to acquaint the student with the legal instruments that apply to funeral service. It also includes an introduction to wills and estates, death and disposition rights, torts, state board rules, licensure of persons and establishments. **Prerequisites: FS 104**

FS 152 – Funeral Service Sociology (2 QH)

This course is a general survey of sociology, including orientation, definitions, application and purpose, culture, customs, family, funeral customs, ethnic and minority groups.

FS 203 – Psychology of Grief (3 QH)

This course includes the study of dying and death, along with the grief of the adult and child.

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General Education Courses

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BM 432 – Stress Management I (2 QH)

This course will look at the scientific foundations of stress and physical illness and disease. Life situation and perception interventions will be discussed for stress and college students with intrapersonal and interpersonal techniques for handling stress.

BM 442 – Stress Management II (2 QH)

This course is a continuation of Stress Management I, and will explore the concepts of spirituality and stress. Relaxation techniques, such as meditation, autogenetic training, imagery and progressive relaxation will be discussed along with psychological arousal interventions and strategies for decreasing stressful behavior. Stress will be considered from cultural, occupational and family perspectives. **Prerequisites: BM 432**

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CAP 290 – Capstone Arts (2 quarter credit hours)

This course is a comprehensive review and learning assessment of the arts (non-science) curriculum to prepare students to successfully complete the capstone competency exam. Emphasis is placed on specific problem areas and the requirements for licensure examinations. *Required to be taken in the students' final quarter.*

COR 201 – Funeral Service Essentials (4 quarter credit hours)

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the history of funeral service, highlighting the individuals, events, and cultural forces that have shaped contemporary funeral principles and practices, while exploring the evolution of professional associations and educational standards within the funeral service industry.

COR 203 – Funeral Service Merchandising (3 quarter credit hours)

This course introduces students to the basics of merchandising as it applies to the funeral profession. This course explores the construction and features of caskets, outer burial containers, and other funeral, cremation, and cemetery products. It also examines methods of purchasing, pricing, display, and sale of funeral and cemetery merchandise as well as funeral and cemetery services.

COR 205 – Cremation and Disposition Options (4 quarter credit hours)

This course will provide students with an overview of cremation topics including proper procedures, legal considerations, services, merchandise, trends, and the history of cremation. This course will also explore non-traditional disposition options including eco-friendly funerals, cryonics, alkaline hydrolysis, green burial, natural organic reduction, and burial at sea.

COR 207 – Funeral Directing (4 quarter credit hours)

This course will focus on the fundamental duties, responsibilities, and expectations of those practicing funeral service. Including notification of death, transfer of remains, conduct of the arrangement conference, pre-funded / preplanned funerals, religious practices, shipment of remains, and aftercare.

COR 209 – Funeral Service Communications (3 quarter credit hours)

This course will provide students with a survey of the basic principles of effective communication skills as they relate to funeral service. Topics will include the communication process, language, nonverbal communication, listening, self-concept, public speaking; interpersonal, group, business communication with an emphasis on soft skills; and the use of technology in communication.

COR 211 – Funeral Service Management (2 quarter credit hours)

This course gives a broad overview of the basic principles of Funeral Service Management. General management theory is applied to funeral service practice with a focus on concepts, functions, and areas of management. In addition, trends in funeral service and disaster preparedness are explored.

COR 213 – Funeral Service Sociology (4 quarter credit hours)

This course provides students with principles of sociology related to funeral service. Emphasis is placed on family and social structures, and the changes in each as related to funeral service. This course will also examine religious, fraternal, and military rites as they relate to funeral service.

COR 215 – Funeral Service Psychology (3 quarter credit hours)

This course examines psychology and counseling as they relate to funeral service. Specifically stressed are the psychological concepts in the areas of grief, bereavement, mourning, aftercare, and crisis intervention with emphasis on the role of the funeral practitioner.

COR 217 – Ethical Applications in Funeral Service (2 quarter credit hours)

This course will familiarize students with the origins, philosophy, and importance of ethics in funeral service. This course will help students develop a strong set of professional ethics. This knowledge will help funeral practitioners do what is proper and in the best interests of those they serve while maintaining public trust.

INT 100 – Preparing for Professional Success (3 quarter credit hours)

This course explores essential study skills for college level academics, as well as proven methods for stress management. Emphasis is given to organizational and time management skills, as well as concepts of mindfulness. Additionally, this course explores current trends in the workforce in terms of expectations and requirements, pay rates and job placement, and professional practices.

LAW 203 – Practical Issues in Business Law (2 quarter credit hours)

This course is a survey of the basic principles of business law related to funeral service. Especially stressed are the bodies of law and the judicial system found in the United States of America including contracts, sales, bailments, negotiable instruments, agency, employment, and business organizations.

LAW 223 – Law in Funeral Service (3 quarter credit hours)

This course is designed to introduce students to the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the funeral service practitioner and funeral establishment. This includes state and federal laws, regulations, and administrative agency law pertaining to funeral service.

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MGT 101 – Small Business Management (4 quarter credit hours)

This course explores the principles of management applicable to small business. Areas of study include planning for a new or existing business, organization, location, and marketing strategies. Financial planning, basic accounting, capital asset management, personnel management, use of technology and elements of sound business management will be emphasized.

SCI 102 – Introduction to Social Sciences (2 quarter credit hours)

This course is designed to introduce students to psychological and sociological norms. Students will learn concepts of general psychology including schools of thought, areas of specialization, social behavior, and emotional intelligence. Students will form a sociological foundation in building relationships with co-workers, community, clientele, and business.