

Accreditation Information:

The Funeral Service Education Program's Associate of Applied Science Degree at Northeast Texas Community College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, 53 NJ 08097 (816) 233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org

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Licensure Requirements Vary from State to State:

Northeast Texas Community College's Funeral Service Education program offers courses, an associate degree, and a certificate program. Successful completion of the listed programs may lead to professional licensure, registration, or certification. Licensure, registration, or certification may be global, national, or state-specific. These programs meet the requirements of the State of Texas. Requirements for other states may vary. If you currently live in a state other than Texas or intend to move to a state other than Texas and use the education completed at NTCC's Funeral Service program to sit for such an exam, be aware of additional requirements. Please contact the appropriate administering body and/or the program to discuss your intentions. Please visit our website to review whether NTCC's Funeral Service program meets your state requirements:

<https://www.ntcc.edu/academics/programs-study/health-sciences/funeral-services/accreditation>



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**FUNERAL
SERVICES
EDUCATION**

**Associate of Applied Science
(AAS)**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Today's funeral directors specialize in many areas. This unique career requires the ability to have sympathy and provide empathy for those struggling with loss. As a licensed professional, a funeral director must be able to assist and support the bereaved, understand and provide various special skills for preparing a deceased body for viewing, and follow all applicable laws put in place by the regulatory agencies overseeing death care.

NTCC's Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service offers education in both funeral directing and embalming. Students will gain an understanding of progressive business practices in the funeral industry and a technical education about the physical death process. The A.A.S. degree will also include classes on current events in the funeral industry and a specialized course about cremation.

Our online courses have been designed with the student in mind. We offer flexibility while still having instructor lead content that offers regular and substantial interactions between students, and students and instructors. Student will be required to participate in clinical/internship hours at a funeral facility local to them. Our clinical lab instructor works with you to facilitate practical experiences that work within your schedule and within a reasonable distance from your home. Student's pursuing their A.A.S. will be required a campus visit in their final semester where they receive hands-on restorative art experiences along with practical experiences in funeral directing and embalming.

PATHWAY

Year 1 Semester 1

MRTS 1330 Funeral Service Internship Orientation
MRTS 1342 Mortuary Management I
ENGL 2311 Technical and Business Writing
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology

Total Credit Hours: 15

Year 1 Semester 2

MRTS 1191 Special Topics in Funeral Service and Mortuary Science
MRTS 1301 Contemporary Funeral Service Practices
MRTS 2335 Mortuary Jurisprudence
MRTS 2342 Mortuary Management II
PSYT 1325 Death and Dying

Total Credit Hours: 13

Year 1 Semester 3 - Summer

SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
BIOL 2404 Survey of Anatomy and Physiology

Total Credit Hours: 7

Year 2 Semester 1

MRTS 1225 Thanatochemistry
MRTS 1320 Crematory Operations
MRTS 2231 Human Anatomy
MRTS 2244 Technical Procedures I
BIOL 2320 Microbiology for Non-Majors (Funeral Science)

Total Credit Hours: 12

Year 2 Semester 2

MRTS 1272 Funeral Service Arts Board Preparation
MRTS 1273 Funeral Service Science Board Preparation
MRTS 1286 Internship - Funeral Services and Mortuary Science
MRTS 2447 Technical Procedures II
Choose 1 LPC Course

Total Credit Hours: 13

Total Program Hours: 60



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JOB OUTLOOK

Overall employment of funeral service workers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2020 to 2030. About 4,000 openings for funeral service workers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Most of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

For more information, please visit the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/funeral-service-occupations.htm#tab-1>.

