Miami Dade College

Funeral Service Education
Associate in Science | Code: 23049 | 72 credits
CIP (1312030100)
Effective Term: Fall 2024 (2247)

Students in the Funeral Service Education program are given a broad understanding of all phases of funeral home operations as well as the public health responsibilities of the funeral director and embalmer. The Funeral Service Education associate degree program at Miami Dade College is 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. All students must register to take the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. National Board Examination during their final semester. Students who plan Funeral Service licensure in other states must contract the respective state board to determine licensing requirements and the student is responsible for complying with all particular laws of that state. National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. To request a printed copy of this program's rates, go to the Funeral Service Education Office (Building 3142) or by telephone 305-237-1244.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (15.00 Credits)
COMMUNICATIONS (3.00 credits)

ENC 1101	English Composition 1	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: Student must meet the Developmental Education reading and writing requirements in State Rule 6A-10.0315 (by course, placement score, or eligible exemption).

HUMANITIES (3.00 credits)

PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	(3 credits)

MATHEMATICS (3.00 credits)

MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: Student must meet the Developmental Education mathematics requirements in State Rule 6A-10.0315 (by course, placement score, or eligible exemption).

NATURAL SCIENCE (3.00 credits)

BSC 1005	General Education Biology	(3 credits)
BSC 2010	Principles of Biology	(3 credits)
CHM 1020	General Education Chemistry	(3 credits)
PHY 1020	General Education Physics	(3 credits)

SOCIAL SCIENCE (3.00 credits)

AMH 2010	History of the US to 1877	(3 credits)
AMH 2020	History of the US since 1877	(3 credits)
POS 2041	American Federal Government	(3 credits)

COMPUTER COMPETENCY
Test type(s) needed:
Computer Competency Test (CCT)
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CGS 1060C	Introduction to Computer Technology and Applications

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS (12.00 Credits)

BSC 1084	Functional Human Anatomy	(3 credits)
FSE 1000	Introduction to Funeral Service	(3 credits)

AND

BUL 2131	Legal Environment Business Law 1	(3 credits)

or

BUL 2241	Business Law 1	(3 credits)	
AND			
ACG 2001	Principles of Accounting 1	(3 credits)	Corequisite: ACG 2001L
or			
ACG 2021	Financial Accounting	(3 credits)	Corequisite: ACG 2021L
or			
FSE 2200	Funeral Service Accounting	(3 credits)	

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS (42.00 Credits)

FSE 1080	Funeral Law	(3 credits)	
FSE 1105	Funeral Service Chemistry	(3 credits)	
FSE 2060	Funeral Directing	(3 credits)	
FSE 2061	Funeral Service Counseling and Ethics	(3 credits)	Prerequisites: ENC 1101, FSE 1000
FSE 2100	Embalming 1	(3 credits)	Recommended Prep: BSC 1084; Corequisite: FSE 2100L
FSE 2100L	Embalming 1 Lab	(2 credits)	Recommended Prep: BSC 1084; Corequisite: FSE 2100
FSE 2106	Funeral Service Microbiology	(3 credits)	
FSE 2120C	Restorative Art	(4 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 2100, FSE 2100L
FSE 2140	Embalming 2	(3 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 2100, FSE 2100L; Corequisite: FSE 2140L
FSE 2140L	Embalming 2 Lab	(2 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 2100, FSE 2100L; Corequisite: FSE 2140
FSE 2160	Pathology	(3 credits)	
FSE 2201	Funeral Home Operations	(3 credits)	
FSE 2203C	Funeral Home Applications	(4 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 2060, FSE 2201
AND			
FSE 2202	Funeral Home Management	(3 credits)	
or			
GEB 1011	Principles of Management	(3 credits)	

PROFESSIONAL REVIEW (3.00 credits)

FSE 2930L	Funeral Service Professional Review 1	(2 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 1000, FSE1080, FSE 1105, FSE 2060, FSE 2061, FSE 2100, FSE 2100L, FSE2106, FSE2120C, FSE 2140, FSE 2140L, FSE 2160, FSE2201, FSE 2202, FSE 2203C
FSE 2932L	Funeral Service Professional Review 2	(1 credit)	Prerequisite: FSE 2930L

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Students are required to attend program orientation prior to admission into the Funeral Service Education Program.

- Students must complete all general education and major core coursework with a minimum of 3.0 GPA for program admission and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA for graduation. Students who receive a total of three grades of 'D', 'F', or 'W' across both major and program courses will be subject to removal from the program.

- **Students must pass both sections of the National Board Examination to be licensed as a Combination Funeral Director & Embalmer or Embalmer Only in the State of Florida (2015).**

- Students must maintain good standing and enroll in at least 12 credit hours per major semester or be subject to removal from the program.

- **Students must complete a mandatory 1-year internship and can start applying after completing 75% of the program. Florida Statutes require fingerprinting and a background check upon application for 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 this or any other state solely based on their criminal background / character even though they successfully complete this program.**

- Students who completed any FSE course more than 3 years ago will be required to either take a competency course or retake the class.

- Students should check their individualized Degree Audit Report to determine the specific graduation policies in effect for their program of study for the year and term they entered Miami Dade. This outline includes current graduation requirements. The final responsibility for meeting graduation requirements rests with the student.