

October 2015

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education at its October 17 – 19, 2015 meeting in Indianapolis, IN took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs:

Renewal of Accreditation

The following programs were found to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and were granted re-accreditation for a period of seven (7) years:

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Cincinnati, OH

Recommend more attention to use of assessment data for program improvement.

Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL

Follow-up report required to demonstrate use of assessment data for program improvement.

Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, WI (Probation removed)

Follow-up report required to demonstrate use of assessment data for program improvement.

Mount Ida College, Newton Centre, MA

Follow-up report required to demonstrate use of assessment data for program improvement.

St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL

Commendation for organization of Self study and leadership in area of distance learning.

Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Wheeling, IL

Commendation for continuous process of self-evaluation and assessment.

The following program was found to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and was granted re-accreditation for a period of five (5) years.

Ivy Tech Community College – Northwest, East Chicago, IN

Follow-up report required to demonstrate collection and use of assessment data.

The following programs were found to be in adequate compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and were granted re-accreditation for a period of three (3) years.

Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Kirkland, WA

Focus visit required to verify compliance with standards 3 & 11 (assessment)
Standard 4 (program information)
Standards 6 & 10 (recordkeeping)

State University of New York @ Canton, Canton, NY

Follow-up report to verify compliance with:
Standards 3 & 11 (assessment)
Standard 7 (faculty credentials)
Standard 4 (program advertising)

Initial Accreditation

The following programs were found to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and were granted initial accreditation for a period of three (3) years:

Eastwick College, Hackensack, NJ

St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO

Follow-up report required to demonstrate evaluation of all aims and objectives.

Probation

The following program was placed on Administrative Probationary Accreditation for failure to submit timely report regarding faculty credentials. Resolution is required prior to start of Spring 2016 semester.

Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX

'Show Cause Why Accreditation Should Not Be Removed' status

The following program was placed on 'Show Cause Why Accreditation Should Not Be Removed' status for repeated inability to meet an essential assessment standard and concerns noted during comprehensive review.

John Tyler Community College, Chester, VA

Focus Visit required to evaluate standards not fully achieved:
Standard 3 (assessment of aims & objectives)
Standard 4 (program advertising)
Standard 6 (student learning objectives)
Standard 8 (laboratory equipment)
Standard 10 (student safety practices in lab setting)
Standard 11 (survey data to use for assessment; assessment benchmark not met)

Accreditation Withdrawn – Voluntarily

The following program voluntarily withdrew from accreditation for the period October 2015 – September 2016:

University of the District of Columbia Community College, Washington, DC

Other actions taken by the Committee on Accreditation did not affect the accredited status of the programs involved.

The following institutions/programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at their April 13-14, 2016 meeting in Houston, TX

Renewal of Accreditation

Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY

University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS

Salt Lake Community College, West Jordan, UT

The above schedule is subject to change.

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to March 1, 2016 by letters addressed to:

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