

## **Committee on Accreditation (COA) Actions:**

**April 2020**

**The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs at the April 14, 2020 Zoom meeting:**

### **Renewal of Accreditation**

Due to the disruptions resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, all renewal of accreditation decisions were re-scheduled for May 19, 2020. *(See May 2020 below)*

### **Candidacy applications**

Due to the disruptions resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, all Candidacy application decisions were re-scheduled for May 19, 2020. *(See May 2020 below)*

### **Focus Visits – Distance education**

#### **Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service – Decatur, GA**

Following a Focus Visit, final approval of the distance education program was granted subject to two stipulations to be addressed at the October 2020 meeting of the COA.

#### **Mid-America College of Funeral Service – Jeffersonville, IN**

A Focus Visit was completed in Spring 2020 as a final step prior to approval of distance education for the associate program. COA will evaluate the Focus Visit report and the schools response to the report at the October 2020 meeting of the COA.

#### **Worsham College – Wheeling, IL**

Following a Focus Visit, final approval of the distance education program was granted.

### **Probation**

#### **Milwaukee Area Technical College – Milwaukee, WI**

Program placed on probation for failure to meet Standard 10.4 – three-year average NBE pass rate less than 60%

#### **Mid-America College of Funeral Service – Jeffersonville, IN**

Program placed on probation for failure to meet Standard 10.4 – three-year average NBE pass rate less than 60%

Administrative Probationary Accreditation for failure to submit a timely and accurate Annual Report.

### **Progress Reports – accepted**

#### **Vincennes University – Vincennes, IN**

- Report on institution's status with Higher Learning Commission.

#### **Nassau Community College – Nassau, NY**

- Updated Assessment plan received.

**Arapahoe Community College** – Littleton, CO

- Updated Assessment plan received.

**American River College** – Sacramento, CA

- Updated Assessment plan received.

**Return to Good Standing**

**Piedmont Technical College** – Greenwood, SC

**Eastwick College** – Hackensack, NJ

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

The re-accreditation schedule for the following institutions/programs was disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. Date for re-scheduling will be determined for:

**American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service** - New York, NY

**Goodwin University** – E. Hartford, CT

**Tidewater Community College** – Virginia Beach, A

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**May 2020**

**The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs during a meeting held via Zoom on May 19, 2020:**

**Renewal of Accreditation**

The following programs were found to be in 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:

**Cypress College** – Cypress, CA

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were the dedicated administration, faculty, staff, advisory board and loyal alumni base, availability of support resources including off-campus clinical sites, proactive efforts to meet employer's needs and an exemplary assessment plan.

**Miami Dade Community College** – Miami, FL

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were strong faculty leadership with supportive college administration and advisory board, a successful student-centered program, a high quality learning experience and a commitment to assessment, program planning, development and quality improvement.

**Renewal of Accreditation** – Decision deferred to October 2020

**Delgado Community College** – New Orleans, LA

**Probation** – Focus Visit required

**East Mississippi Community College** – Scooba, MS

Probation is subject to a compliance report due September 1, 2020 to demonstrate implementation of an effective assessment plan, followed by a Focus Visit by March 1, 2021.

**Candidacy approved**

**Cape Cod Community College** – West Barnstable, MA

**Southwest Tennessee Community College** – Memphis, TN

**Candidacy application** -decision deferred to October 2020 meeting

**Columbus Technical College** – Columbus, GA

**Accreditation Withdrawn**

**Amarillo College** – Amarillo, TX

Failure to meet threshold for minimum accepted pass rates on the national licensing examination for two consecutive 3-year periods. (Standard 10.4)

**Arkansas State University** – Mountain Home, AR

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**Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to September 1, 2020.**

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