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The ABFSE is recognized by the

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as the accreditor of college and university programs
in Funeral Service and/or Mortuary Science Education in the
United States

The American Board of Funeral Service Education is organized for educational purposes in the interest of the public and of the funeral service profession. Its purpose is to cooperate with all groups and agencies having an interest in the advancement of the principles and standards of funeral service education.

The *Mission of ABFSE* is to advance funeral service education and practice through high standards that prepare students for careers.

ABFSE accredits programs at the associate and bachelor's degree levels. Several Diploma and Certificate programs that require a minimum of sixty (60) credits are also accredited by ABFSE.

Accreditation is for programs and institutions that meet the established accreditation standards. ABFSE accreditation standards meet the expectations of the US Department of Education and CHEA.

Some institutions with accredited programs also offer certificate programs designed to meet the licensing requirements of the state in which the institution operates. Such programs may or may not meet the licensing requirements of other states.

ABFSE accredits programs and institutions. Students may graduate from an accredited program, but individual students are not accredited.

Graduates of ABFSE programs typically take licensing examinations. Those examinations are not administered by ABFSE.

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History

The American Board of Funeral Service Education began as the Joint Committee on Mortuary Education (Joint Committee). It was established by joint resolutions of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States (renamed the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards in 1998 - ICFSEB) and with the concurrence of the associations of schools and colleges offering funeral service education.

The Joint Committee was composed of three (3) representatives appointed by NFDA, three (3) representatives appointed by the Conference (and designated as that association's accreditation committee), and three (3) representatives of the schools and colleges.

Language in the original constitution (Article II) stated, the Joint Committee "shall make and enforce its rules and regulations governing its procedure and conduct, and [it] shall formulate and promulgate and enforce rules and regulations setting up standards concerning the schools and colleges teaching mortuary science."

Article V of the same constitution stated, "the power to accredit schools and colleges of mortuary science shall be vested in the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States, Inc.," with the further provision that "schools and colleges of mortuary science shall have the right of appeal from decisions of the accreditation committee of the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States, Inc. to the appellate board of the Joint Committee on Mortuary Education. Rules and procedures for the appellate board shall be promulgated by the Joint Committee on Mortuary Education."

In 1959, the name of the Joint Committee on Mortuary Education was changed to the American Board of Funeral Service Education.

In 1962, authority for accreditation of funeral service institutions/programs was transferred from The Conference to the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE). The ABFSE has continued that function since, serving as the only organized accrediting agency in the United States in the field of funeral service/ mortuary science education.

In keeping with the principle of accreditation by peers, the ABFSE amended its constitution and by-laws in 1970 to provide for the establishment of a Commission on Schools within the framework of a restructured American Board of Funeral Service Education.

As a result thereof, Article VI of the Constitution of the American Board provides that, "the function of the Commission shall be:

1. to prepare for and certify to the American Board criteria and procedures for accreditation;
2. to receive reports of the Standards and Criteria committee and to certify to the American Board those schools that meet such criteria and are to be accredited; and
3. to establish, in cooperation with the American Board, appellate procedures on accreditation certifications of the Commission.

The American Board shall accept the certifications of the Commission and make official statements of accreditation."

In 1978, in response to recommendations made by the U.S. Office of Education, the American Board of Funeral Service Education changed the Commission on Schools to an autonomous and self-perpetuating standing committee of the Board and renamed it the Committee on Accreditation (COA).

The American Board of Funeral Service Education has been recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education (formerly the U.S. Office of Education) as the sole accrediting agency in funeral service and mortuary science education since 1972 and the American Board was accepted into the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA) in 1988 as a member of its Assembly of Specialized Accrediting Bodies. In 1993, COPA became the Council on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation (CORPA) which continued recognition of the ABFSE. Since 1997, ABFSE has also been recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), which replaced CORPA.

In 2011, the CHEA renewed ABFSE COA status as a recognized accreditor for a ten (10) year period. The continuing recognition process required ABFSE to submit interim reports to CHEA in 2015 and 2018. In 2019 the CHEA policy revision changed the maximum recognition period to seven (7) years. In March 2022, ABFSE COA received recognition renewal for the maximum period of seven (7) years.

In 1987, the curriculum of the American Board of Funeral Service Education received a complete review, and a new policy was instituted implementing annual reviews to ensure that each course outline would be updated at least every five (5) years. In 1988 and again in 1995, the Accreditation and Policy Manual was extensively rewritten and updated to incorporate changes recommended by USDE, CORPA, and ABFSE members. Additional revisions and editorial changes have occurred on an annual basis since then.

In 1995, all Standards of Accreditation were reviewed and updated by the Committee on Accreditation and provisions were instituted for regular future reviews every five (5) years. The most recent review was 2023-2024 with the updated standards to take effect January 1, 2025. The next comprehensive review will occur during 2027-2028.

By 1995, ABFSE membership included forty-two (42) accredited college and university programs in Funeral Service and Mortuary Science Education, with four (4) additional programs in Candidacy (i.e. the process of applying for accreditation).

At the April 2002 Annual Meeting, ABFSE approved a new Constitution and By-Laws which included provisions for membership additional funeral service organizations. The National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association was admitted to full membership in September 2002. In 2009, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) became a member. Cremation Association of North America was approved for membership in 2017. ICCFA withdrew from membership in May 2018.

In June 2008, the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) of the U.S. Department of Education began their lengthy process of recognition of the ABFSE. In December of 2010, the U.S. Secretary of Education granted continued recognition to ABFSE for the full period of five (5) years.

During 2015, ABFSE completed the re-recognition petition for the US Department of Education and appeared before NACIQI once again. Five (5) year recognition renewal was granted by the US Secretary of Education. In 2020, ABFSE initiated the next five (5) year recognition renewal process and received approval in June 2021. The next re-recognition process was initiated in 2023 with an anticipated completion date in Spring 2026.

The Committee on Accreditation (COA) voting membership to twelve (12) when it welcomed a representative from the Cremation Association of North America in October 2024. Voting members of COA consist of seven (7) educators, three (3) industry representatives and two (2) public members.

Institutions accredited by ABFSE must offer a program at the associate degree level or higher, [or its equivalent (i.e., sixty (60) semester credits of a prescribed curriculum] and meet the required standards of the ABFSE. The Standards and associated policies are available on the ABFSE website (<https://www.abfse.org/docs/standards.pdf>). They may also be accessed and downloaded by clicking on “ABFSE Standards” from the drop-down menu under “Accreditation”. The current accreditation standards took effect January 1, 2020. Updated standards take effect January 1, 2025

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the qualifications for accreditation or candidacy of any listed program. Comments received will be considered by the Committee on Accreditation as part of its regular program review.

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Membership

The membership of ABFSE today consists of the funeral service education programs and colleges and professional organizations. The membership includes the following:

Fifty-eight (58) accredited programs and institutions (as of October 2024)
National Funeral Directors Association
National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association
Cremation Association of North America

Funeral Service Institutions

Data for 2023 was collected from fifty-eight (58) accredited programs or institutions; forty-six (46) programs are offered in public multi-purpose institutions and twelve (12) programs in private institutions. Ten (10) of the programs are provided by single purpose colleges specializing only in funeral service. The fifty-eight (58) institutions offered a total of fifty-three (53) associate degrees, seven (7) baccalaureate degrees and five (5) accredited certificates and/or diplomas. Fifty-one (51) of the accredited programs offer some Distance Education and almost fifty percent (50%) of graduates completed more than half of their courses via the distance modality. Forty-eight percent (48%) of the accredited programs offer an option to complete funeral service education on a part-time basis. Five (5) institutions offer an option for Bachelor degree completion in a funeral service related field after completion of the accredited associate degree.

Funeral Service Students

Over the past several decades, there have been significant changes in the profiles of both the institutions offering funeral service education and the students studying to become funeral directors/embalmers.

Three (3) generations ago, funeral service education was offered almost exclusively by private institutions and virtually 100% of the students were male and, for the most part, sons of funeral homeowners. Over ninety percent (90%) of the students were white. Most programs offered a one-year (or less) diploma or a certificate.

In 2023 there were 6,954 students enrolled in funeral service education. Approximately 3,072 new students entered the accredited programs operating in thirty-three (33) states and the District of Columbia.

Today's graduates are seventy-four percent (74%) female. White students make up approximately sixty-eight percent (68%) of total graduates while African American students constitute about seventeen percent (17%). Approximately eleven percent (11%) are of Hispanic heritage. Less than thirteen percent (12.7%) of graduates are related to someone in funeral service and about six percent (6%) report the relative to be a parent.

Average student age is not identified in ABFSE statistics. However, in 2023, forty-six percent (46%) of new enrollees were age twenty-five (25) or less and forty percent (40%) were ages 26-40. Twenty-six percent (26%) of new students entered funeral service education with a high school education and about twenty percent (20.3%) had a Bachelor degree, Master's degree or

higher upon matriculation. Thirty-three percent (33%) entered funeral service education with an associate degree or higher (but not a BA/BS).

The Future

The American Board of Funeral Service Education has experienced substantial change in the past decade. As the funeral service profession continues to evolve, new approaches will be reflected in the education of future students and ABFSE programs and institutions will continue to provide high quality education to students desiring to enter this important and respected profession.

Funeral Service education and accreditation activity was not immune to the Covid-19 pandemic. Educators in all aspects of academic life were forced to pivot to virtual delivery. In 2022, face-to-face instruction and accreditation site visits resumed.

However, a growing number of institutions are seeking approval to deliver their accredited funeral service program(s) via distance education on a permanent basis.

Directory Information

The Directory on the following pages includes contact information, accreditation decision summaries and some outcomes data including NBE results for each program. The National Board Examination (NBE) is the licensing standard in most states. The test is administered in two parts – Arts and Sciences. The following explanations also apply:

- Total enrolled = all students currently enrolled in the funeral service/mortuary science program as reported by the program/institution.
- # of new students & # of grads indicates the number in the designated calendar year.
- Timely Grad = Timely graduation, defined as the number of graduates completing the program in 1½ times designated program length.
- Graduation Rate = represents the cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)
- Did not finish = left before completing the program.
- Employment data is based upon graduate responses. ‘No response’ falls in the not employed category. Employment is counted within 6 months of graduation.
- Overall % employed includes employment in any field, (not just funeral service) and continuing education.
- Employed in funeral service means employed in a funeral service related field within 6 months of graduation (or continuing education).

For additional information see Standard 10 or contact the ABFSE Office.

ALABAMA

Jefferson State Community College - Funeral Service Education Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Jefferson State

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	68	68	30	17/30	81%	25	100%	100%
2022	71	71	28	14/28	94%	27	100%	100%
2021	56	56	19	11/19	77%	26	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Jefferson State

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	30	77%	78%	2023	28	61%	69%
2022	20	80%	69%	2022	19	68%	64%
2021	21	62%	68%	2021	18	44%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science Degree - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1976/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: October 2018 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decision: October 2018 - re-accredit with no stipulations.

ARIZONA

Chandler-Gilbert Community College – Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education - Yes (First year, General Education only)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Chandler-Gilbert

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	28	28	26	26/26	90%	3	85%	77%
2022	29	29	19	19/19	83%	6	100%	95%
2021	23	23	31	31/31	89%	4	97%	87%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Chandler-Gilbert

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	15	67%	78%	2023	17	65%	69%
2022	19	68%	69%	2022	20	65%	64%
2021	16	56%	68%	2021	18	44%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1997/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review Spring 2028

Re-accreditation: October 2021 for period of seven (7) years. (virtual)

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2016 recognized institutional name change from Mesa Community College to Chandler-Gilbert Community College via Substantive Change process.

-October 2021 - Re-accredited with stipulation to address assessment (Standard 10) including evidence that assessment data is being used for program improvement. Evidence is to include results of current graduate and employer surveys and advisory board meetings.

Program was recognized for a candid comprehensive review during the self study process which led to program improvements and for the dedication of the program director.

(In-person virtual visit follow-up required)

-April 2022 – Receipt of assessment plan is acknowledged with the recommendation to utilize the Advisory Board and provide Advisory Board minutes with the next ABFSE Annual Report.

In person site visit is required as follow-up to 2021 virtual visit.

-March 2023–Satisfactory completion of in-person follow-up visit.

ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana

Funeral Service Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - University of Arkansas

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	28	17	11	11/11	50%	2	100%	91%
2022	94	22	12	12/12	48%	6	100%	83%
2021	64	25	9	9/9	75%	3	100%	89%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - University of Arkansas

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	10	100%	78%	2023	10	100%	69%
2022	11	55%	69%	2022	11	73%	64%
2021	9	67%	68%	2021	11	55%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1997/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2018 for period of 7 years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 accepted assessment plan; no additional action is necessary.

-June 2021 - COA approved the delivery of the accredited program via distance education.

Arkansas State University – Mountain Home Funeral Science Program

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Distance Education - YES (selected Arkansas locations only)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Arkansas State University-Mountain Home

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	8	8	10	9/9	90%	0	100%	100%
2022	20	13	4	4/4	100%	3	100%	100%
2021	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS– Arkansas State University-Mountain Home

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	9	67%	78%	2023	9	56%	69%
2022	11	36%	69%	2022	12	42%	64%
2021		---	68%	2021		---	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Initial Accreditation 2022/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2025

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

- October 2020 – Candidacy application accepted allowing the candidacy process to begin.
- June 2021- Candidacy status approved.
- April 2022 – Initial Accreditation granted with no stipulations. Initial Accreditation is for a period of three (3) years. COA acknowledged the long-standing commitment of the program Advisory Committee, the development of the program assessment plan and efforts to add a second full-time faculty member.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Science

Distance Education - Yes (less than 50% of program)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – American River

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	45	33	14	14/14	100%	0	100%	100%
2022	56	21	35	35/35	100%	0	100%	97%
2021	53	39	28	28/28	100%	1	96%	93%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – American River

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	21	76%	78%	2023	22	64%	69%
2022	25	56%	69%	2022	25	52%	64%
2021	9	78%	68%	2021	11	45%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2002/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028.

Re-accreditation: April 2015 for seven (7) years with Focus Visit to review compliance with Standard 6 (recordkeeping) and Standard 11 (aims and objectives assessment).

Most Recent Accreditation decisions: October 2018 – approved Focus Visit report confirming Standard 6 and Standard 11 compliance.

-April 2022 – ‘Probation’ status; current accreditation continued while probation concerns are addressed.

Probation status requires the following issues to be addressed by March 1, 2023:

- Provide evidence that program records are effectively maintained including appropriate institutional oversight policies to ensure maintenance and continuity in the event of personnel changes.
- Ensure consistent documentation and record-keeping for mandatory evaluation of student competencies in embalming and funeral directing.
- Update agreements for use of off-campus instructional sites.
- Provide evidence that a documented assessment plan is in place to measure program effectiveness and to implement necessary improvements.

- Provide evidence that all deficiencies cited in the prior comprehensive review and site visit have been addressed.

In addition, the program must assure that the program website and publicly distributed materials have a uniform message including the proper accreditation statement.

-December 2022 – Completed in person site visit as follow-up to December 2021 virtual visit.

-April 2023 - Probation status resolved. Returned to ‘Good Standing’. Focus visit will be scheduled when the program completes the anticipated move into new facilities.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Science

Distance Education- NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Cypress College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	134	57	31	25/31	54%	14	90%	84%
2022	148	64	33	26/33	52%	26	91%	79%
2021	152	23	39	29/39	59%	28	90%	87%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – Cypress College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	32	88%	78%	2023	33	91%	69%
2022	33	91%	69%	2022	32	97%	64%
2021	37	92%	68%	2021	37	97%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1946/Last comprehensive review 2020/Next comprehensive review 2027

Re-accreditation: May 2020 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: May 2020 re-accreditation 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.

-October 2023 – Probation as result of non-compliance with Standard 10.5.2 – graduation rates less than 60%.

-April 2024 – Probation response accepted. Probation continues awaiting results for Standard 10.5.2 improvement plan.

COLORADO

Arapahoe Community College – Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Arapahoe Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	119	57	43	43/43	97%	2	91%	91%
2022	115	47	41	41/41	95%	5	98%	90%
2021	105	51	32	32/32	91%	3	84%	81%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – Arapahoe Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	31	90%	78%	2023	31	94%	69%
2022	31	55%	69%	2022	31	58%	64%
2021	23	61%	68%	2021	23	65%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1997/Last comprehensive review 2017/Next comprehensive review 2024

Re-accreditation: April 2018 for period of 7 years with no stipulations

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 – program to submit comprehensive assessment plan populated with data by September 1, 2019.

-April 2020 – accepted progress report with updated assessment plan.

-June 2021 – Program on Administrative Probation during search for new program director. (Standard 1.8)

-August 2021 – Program returns to good standing; Administrative Probation conditions satisfied. (Interim Program Director named.)

-August 2022 – new Program Director assumes responsibilities.

CONNECTICUT

Goodwin University – Funeral Service Program

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 Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Science
 Distance Education – NO
 Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION -Goodwin University

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	45	31	10	10/10	100%	0	100%	100%
2022	51	31	17	16/17	87%	2	94%	88%
2021	47	18	11	10/11	100%	0	73%	73%

Note: Class of 2019 graduates had option to be considered graduates of Lincoln or Goodwin; 2019 New Enrollees at Goodwin will graduate 2020 or 2021.

**Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.*

***Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)*

****Left before completing the program; did not finish.*

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Goodwin University

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	22	86%	78%	2023	22	77%	69%
2022	10	40%	69%	2022	8	38%	64%
2021	6	33%	68%	2021	4	0%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

**2020 results still attributed to Lincoln College*

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Lincoln Re-accreditation: April 2015 for period of seven (7) years. Accredited program transferred to Goodwin College effective January 2019.

Initial Program Accreditation 2021 as Goodwin College, successor to Lincoln College /Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: October 2024 for a period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2021 - Initial Accreditation for the Goodwin University Funeral Service program following the transfer from Lincoln College.

-April 2022 – COA reviewed and accepted the program assessment plan. An updated plan will be required with the next ABFSE Annual Report.

-June 2022 – in-person follow-up to virtual re-accreditation visit.

-October 2024 – Re-accreditation for a period of seven (7) years.

LINCOLN COLLEGE OF NEW ENGLAND -MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM

Closed effective December 31, 2018. The accredited Mortuary Science degree program transferred to Goodwin College in January 2019. Students completing the degree program prior to June 1, 2019 will earn the degree from Lincoln College of New England.

Lincoln College of New England graduates can request transcripts via www.lincolntech.edu.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

University of District of Columbia Community College – Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – University of District of Columbia

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	20	10	4	4/4	50%	1	100%	25%
2022	11	6	5	5/5	100%	0	100%	20%
2021	20	9	6	6/6	100%	1	100%	33%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – University of District of Columbia

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	6	33%	78%	2023	5	40%	69%
2022	1	0%	69%	2022	3	33%	64%
2021	4	60%	68%	2021	4	25%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 2018/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Initial Accreditation granted: April 2019 for period of three (3) years with no stipulations. (Three-year accreditation is based on date of last comprehensive review.)

Re-accreditation: April 2022 Program reaccredited for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: Initial Accreditation approved during April 2019 meeting of COA effective to date of Candidacy approval in October 2018.

-April 2022 -Program reaccredited for period of seven (7) years with requirement to submit an updated assessment plan by February 15, 2023. COA acknowledges the state-of-the-art facilities that support the program, diversity of the administration, opportunities for internal professional development and overall institutional support of the program.

In person site visit is required as follow-up to 2021 virtual visit.

-October 2022 –Follow-up visit completed.

-April 2024 – Assessment plan updates must be provided by September 1, 2024.

-October 2024 – updated assessment plan accepted.

FLORIDA

Florida State College at Jacksonville – Funeral Service Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Science

Distance Education - Yes

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Florida State College at Jacksonville

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	40	21	11	10/11	79%	2	100%	100%
2022	32	18	8	7/8	62%	5	100%	100%
2021	26	14	8	7/8	100%	0	100%	88%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – Florida State College at Jacksonville

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	9	56%	78%	2023	4	75%	69%
2022	4	75%	69%	2022	4	50%	64%
2021	9	89%	68%	2021	9	56%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 2003/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028.

Re-accreditation: October 2021 current accreditation extend to April 2022 to address probation issues.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2021 – Probation. Topics to be addressed for April 2022

include evidence of compliant curriculum distribution (Standard 5.4), evidence of compliant assessment efforts (Standard 10), consistent presentation of program and admissions information (Standard 9.1), and consistent use of case reports (Standard 5.4)

-April 2022 – Probation issues satisfactorily addressed. Re-accreditation granted for a period of seven (7) years from last re-accreditation.

In person site visit is required as follow-up to 2021 virtual visit.

-October 2022 – Approved to offer the accredited program via Distance Education.

-January 2023 - Satisfactory completion of in-person follow-up visit.

Miami Dade College – Funeral Service Education Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available -Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Miami Dade College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	104	28	41	38/41	24%	0	83%	63%
2022	146	43	32	21/32	69%	1	100%	100%
2021	145	51	22	17/22	75%	15	100%	86%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – Miami Dade College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	29	48%	78%	2023	22	45%	69%
2022	19	53%	69%	2022	20	40%	64%
2021	19	42%	68%	2021	13	38%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1981/Last comprehensive review 2020/Next comprehensive review 2027

Re-accreditation: May 2020 for period of 7 years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: May 2020 re-accreditation. 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.

-October 2023 – Accepted application for delivery of the accredited program via distance education.

Approval is subject to a focus visit.

-October 2024 – program addressed multiple areas identified during 2024 focus visit. Additional follow-up visit still required for approval of distance education.

St. Petersburg College – Funeral Services Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Science

Distance Education– YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION – St. Petersburg College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	107	42	31	21/31	68%	7	100%	94%
2022	125	37	26	15/26	58%	11	100%	100%
2021	129	50	24	16/24	66%	12	100%	96%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – St. Petersburg College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	31	81%	78%	2023	20	75%	69%
2022	24	88%	69%	2022	22	73%	64%
2021	23	83%	68%	2021	28	71%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Science - Funeral Services

Initial Accreditation 1994/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2029

Re-accreditation: October 2015 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decision: Re-accredit April 2023 with acknowledgements of the dedicated program director and faculty, the overall level of institutional commitment to the program and the supportive Advisory Board.

GEORGIA

Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science (AAS); Associate of Science in teach out status

Distance Education - YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	476	120	122	116/122	72%	59	69%	67%
2022	470	243	56	48/56	84%	179	86%	55%
2021	439	431	61	61/61	87%	170	92%	80%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - mid College of Funeral Service

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	101	68%	78%	2023	93	52%	69%
2022	48	60%	69%	2022	49	61%	64%
2021	59	54%	68%	2021	38	55%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1969/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: October 2021 accreditation extended during Probation activity.

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

- April 2020 – final approval of distance education program.
- October 2021 – Probation. Topics to be addressed no later than October 2022 include: provide evidence of faculty training in on-line courses (Standard 6 and Appendix E); provide evidence of preceptor training (Standard 6.2.2); provide evidence of regular and substantive interaction in on-line courses (Standard 6 and Appendix E); provide evidence of affiliation agreements for each clinical site being utilized (Standard 7.2.4); demonstrate how course level assessment is used to improve student outcomes (Standard 10.2); demonstrate that student outcome data, complaint policies and stakeholder comments are reviewed (Standard 1.5); present a plan to improve student outcomes and clarify policy (Standards 1.5, 1.6, 5.3).
- June 2022 – Probation issues satisfied. Return to Good Standing.
Re-accreditation for period of seven (7) years from date of last accreditation.
Mid-cycle review will be scheduled in 2025.
Date of in-person follow-up to virtual visit will be determined.
- October 2022 – In-person follow-up visit completed.

- October 2023 – Substantive Change approved to replace Associate of Science degree with AAS.
- April 2024 – Substantive Change accepted naming new Program Director.
- June 2024 - COA denied the application for a change in the institutional mission statement due to inaccurate documentation.
- October 2024 – Change in institutional mission statement approved.

Columbus Technical College – Funeral Service Education

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education–NO

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Columbus Technical

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	34	34	5	3/5	23%	2	100%	100%
2022	62	44	1	1/1	100%	8	100%	100%
2021	33	28	5	4/5	100%	0	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS– Columbus Technical College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	0	-	78%	2023	1	100%	69%
2022	2	50%	69%	2022	0	N/A	64%
2021	3	67%	68%	2021	3	100%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation: 2021/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: Re-accreditation for a period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2021 – Initial Accreditation granted for period of three years with follow-up report due October 2021 to address description of lab components in Embalming and Restorative Art courses and to describe the method used to compute faculty release time.

-June 2021- COA accepted and approved the follow-up report submitted early and acknowledged the Substantive Change naming a new Program Director.

-October 2023 – Administrative Probation for failure to submit improvement plan for NBE pass rate.

-April 2024 – Administrative Probation status amended. Return to good standing pending outcome of next comprehensive review.

-October 2024 – Re-accreditation for a period of seven (7) years with the requirement to submit an updated assessment plan by September 1, 2025.

Ogeechee Technical College – Funeral Service Education

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education – Yes (Less than 50%)

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Ogeechee Technical College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	95	44	35	29/35	95%	2	100%	89%
2022	85	34	14	13/14	93%	1	100%	86%
2021	80	34	8	8/8	71%	2	100%	88%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Ogeechee Technical College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	9	89%	78%	2023	7	29%	69%
2022	13	46%	69%	2022	14	57%	64%
2021	10	80%	68%	2021	6	33%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2002/Last comprehensive review 2019/Next comprehensive review 2026

Re-accreditation: October 2019 for period of seven (7) years

Most recent Accreditation decision: October 2019 reaccredited with no stipulations. Important factors in the decision were improved student success on the national licensing examination, consistent timely graduation rates and the student-centered approach demonstrated by the program and institution.

ILLINOIS

Carl Sandburg College – Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Carl Sandburg

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	35	18	11	11/11	75%	1	100%	45%
2022	26	15	8	8/8	100%	0	100%	63%
2021	19	19	8	7/8	75%	2	100%	75%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Carl Sandburg

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	11	73%	78%	2023	12	75%	69%
2022	7	29%	69%	2022	6	83%	64%
2021	7	14%	68%	2021	8	50%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1997/Last comprehensive review 2017/Next comprehensive review 2024

Re-accreditation: April 2018 for period of seven (7) years with stipulation to demonstrate evidence of faculty evaluation.

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2019, accepted report demonstrating evidence of faculty evaluation.

Malcolm X College – Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - Yes (General Education only)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Malcolm X College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	60	21	15	15/15	70%	4	100%	47%
2022	63	22	18	16/18	50%	8	67%	50%
2021	58	21	3	3/3	100%	3	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Malcolm X College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	11	73%	78%	2023	10	80%	69%
2022	7	14%	69%	2022	9	22%	64%
2021	6	50%	68%	2021	9	44%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1985/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2029

Re-accreditation: October 2023 for period of seven (7) years from last review

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2016 approved program re-location to new facilities and accepted follow-up report describing plans to use assessment data for program improvement.

-October 2022 – Probation. Concerns to be addressed by September 1, 2023 include evidence of clinical site inspections, documentation of embalming case reports and funeral directing tasks and use of assessment results for instructional and programmatic improvement.

-October 2023 – Return to Good Standing. Probation concerns addressed. Follow-up report due February 2024.

-April 2024 – Satisfactory follow-up report received.

Southern Illinois University – Mortuary Science and Funeral Service

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Accredited Degree Offered: Bachelor of Science

Distance Education - for degree completion only

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Southern Illinois University

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	100	23	18	18/18	85%	1	94%	83%
2022	94	29	16	16/16	95%	2	100%	81%
2021	81	21	16	16/16	84%	3	100%	81%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Southern Illinois University

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	17	76%	78%	2023	16	44%	69%
2021	12	83%	69%	2022	13	54%	64%
2020	15	73%	68%	2021	9	44%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Bachelor of Science - Mortuary Science and Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1966/Last comprehensive review 2017/Next comprehensive review 2024

Re-accreditation: April 2018 reaccredit for period of seven (7) years with stipulations.

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2019 – COA accepted 2018 assessment plan; program satisfactorily addressed stipulations regarding the website and curriculum distribution.

Worsham College of Mortuary Science

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Science Degree

Associate of Applied Science Degree and Diploma both in teach out

Distance Education–YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Worsham College of Mortuary Science

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	236	154	90	90/90	88%	16	89%	84%
2022	209	163	106	106/106	93%	17	97%	95%
2021	209	171	104	104/104	87%	15	92%	88%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Worsham College of Mortuary Science

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	90	90%	78%	2023	89	71%	69%
2022	105	87%	69%	2022	103	81%	64%
2021	53	89%	68%	2021	59	78%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Programs and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science Degree and Diploma – Mortuary Science; Associate in Science degree.

Initial Accreditation 1962/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2029

Re-accreditation: October 2022 for period of seven (7) years

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 approved application to deliver a new AS degree program via distance education subject to a Focus Visit.

-April 2020 – final approval of distance education program following Focus Visit.

-October 2022 – Reaccreditation for seven (7) years with no stipulations.

-October 2023 –Substantive Change approved to replace AAS and Diploma offerings with Associate of Science degree.

INDIANA

Ivy Tech Community College-Central Indiana – Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Ivy Tech Community College-Central Indiana

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	27	30	22	22/22	99%	3	95%	68%
2022	23	23	0	0/0	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
2021	0	0	13	11/13	81%	3	31%	31%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Ivy Tech Community College-Central Indiana

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	15	40%	78%	2023	15	53%	69%
2022	2	50%	69%	2022	2	0%	64%
2021	11	64%	68%	2021	11	45%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 2008/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: October 2018 for period of seven (7) years

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2018 re-accreditation with no stipulations following receipt of updated assessment plan.

-June 2021 – Program on Administrative Probation during search for new program director. (Standard 1.8) A new cohort of students will not be admitted to the program until new funeral service staff is in place.

-August 2021 - Status changed to 'Show Cause' why accreditation should not be removed by February 15, 2022 due to inadequate staffing.

-April 2022 – Program is returned to good standing with hiring of new Program Director.

Mid-America College of Funeral Service

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Accredited Degrees Offered: Associate of Applied Science; Funeral Service Bachelor of Science

Distance Education - YES (AAS degree and BS degree completion)

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Mid-America College of Funeral Service

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	337	229	80	80/80	75%	161	95%	84%
2022	477	285	32	15/32	90%	144	53%	53%
2021	355	264	51	51/51	69%	112	92%	67%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS– Mid-America College of Funeral Service

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	76	84%	78%	2023	73	59%	69%
2022	24	92%	69%	2022	21	71%	64%
2021	32	78%	68%	2021	30	57%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science and Bachelor of Science – Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1981/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review *tbd*

Re-accreditation: October 2016 for period of seven (7) years with approval of new Bachelor of Science degree in Funeral Service Management to include disclosure statement “not regionally accredited.”

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2023 - Program placed on Probation. See details below.

-April 2018 - Approved distance education for delivery of the accredited AAS degree program with Focus Visit. Focus Visit review by COA in October 2020.

-April 2020 - 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.

-October 2020 – Probationary Accreditation status removed.

-Focus Visit follow-up requires a completed assessment plan due February 2021.

-April 2021 - COA acknowledges receipt of the distance education assessment plan. Next assessment plan update, due February 15, 2022, must demonstrate how the assessment data is used for program improvement.

- April 2022 – Assessment plan accepted.
- October 2023 - The institution and accredited programs are on Probation status for one year during which issues regarding accreditation standards 1,3,5,6,9,10 are to be addressed.
 - Standard 1 – Provide evidence of a current and viable Advisory Board.
 - Standard 3 – Published materials must accurately reflect the states where the AAS and BSFS degrees meet licensure requirements.
 - Demonstrate compliant transcript language for non-accredited programs.
 - Provide evidence that students are aware that courses may change from on-ground to distance delivery.
 - Standard 5 – Update syllabi to accurately portray the college catalog and ABFSE B-6 curriculum distribution.
 - Provide inspection documentation for off-campus instructional sites.
 - Provide evidence of embalming competency certification by qualified faculty members and completion of funeral directing tasks.
 - Provide evidence of assessment data and analysis demonstrating equivalent academic rigor for online and face-to-face courses.
 - Submit an organized curriculum plan for the Bachelor degree offerings.
 - Standard 6 – Provide evidence of student-teacher ratios compliant with the standard.
 - Standard 9 - Demonstrate that pertinent student policies are provided before starting coursework.
 - Standard 10 – Demonstrate that data collection and analysis is used for continuous program improvement.
- April 2024 – Probation response (part one) was reviewed. A portion of the response was accepted. The remainder must be addressed by September 1, 2024, when the next review of Probation status is scheduled.
- June 2024 - COA approved a change in the institutional mission statement and a curriculum change that establishes a uniform curriculum plan for all Pierce schools. COA is to receive copies of the communication explaining the changes that were shared with students.

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Accredited Degrees Offered: Associate of Applied Science; Associate of Science

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available: No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Vincennes University

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	48	21	12	12/12	80%	18	75%	75%
2022	56	38	17	17/17	100%	7	76%	47%
2021	63	39	14	14/14	87%	14	50%	50%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS– Vincennes University

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	14	71%	78%	2023	12	58%	69%
2022	9	67%	69%	2022	13	62%	64%
2021	8	75%	68%	2021	6	67%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science; Associate of Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1978/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review *tbd*

Re-accreditation: October 2023 – re-accreditation decision deferred until April 2024.

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

- October 2016 - Reaccreditation for period of seven (7) years.
- April 2018 - ‘Show Cause’ was removed in April 2019 based on improvement of national licensing examination pass rates. Program is in good standing.
- April 2020 – COA reviewed progress report on institution’s status with Higher Learning Commission.
- October 2023 –final accreditation decision deferred until April 2024 while awaiting additional information.
- April 2024 – Probation status. Program must address assessment deficiencies by March 1, 2025. Current accreditation continues for one year while Probation is addressed.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate degree and Advanced Standing Diploma

Distance Education– YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION -Des Moines Area Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	253	118	66	61/66	93%	18	98%	98%
2022	206	90	68	55/68	77%	2	93%	93%
2021	213	112	53	47/53	81%	31	100%	94%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS-Des Moines Area Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	65	94%	78%	2023	65	86%	69%
2022	64	88%	69%	2022	65	83%	64%
2021	55	95%	68%	2021	55	82%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate degree and Advanced Standing Diploma - Mortuary Science
Initial Accreditation 2005/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: April 2022 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2016 – new associate degree added to program offerings.

-April 2022 – Program re-accredited for a period of seven (7) years with no stipulations.

COA recognized the strength of the faculty and college leadership in general, financial support for the program and an exemplary assessment plan.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Kansas City Kansas Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	35	28	27	27/27	96%	1	93%	93%
2022	36	35	23	23/23	95%	0	100%	100%
2021	34	24	16	16/16	94%	3	94%	88%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Kansas City Kansas Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	28	89%	78%	2023	29	83%	69%
2022	21	95%	69%	2022	20	90%	64%
2021	18	72%	68%	2021	18	67%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1975/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2029

Re-accreditation: April 2023 for period of seven (7) years from date of last accreditation with one (1) stipulation (submit an updated program assessment by March 1, 2024)

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2018, accepted assessment plan.

- January 2021 acknowledged Substantive Change naming new Program Coordinator effective 09-01-2020.
- January 2022 acknowledged Substantive Change naming Interim Program Coordinator effective 02-17-2022.
- October 2022 - Probation. Concerns to be addressed no later than September 1, 2023 include provide evidence of an assessment plan that demonstrates assessment results being used for instructional and programmatic improvement, evidence to demonstrate that students are meeting the funeral observation requirements of Standard 5.4.8.g. and a status report regarding the Higher Learning Commission actions on institutional probation.
- April 2023 – Probation concerned addressed. Returned to ‘Good Standing’.
- April 2024 – updated assessment plan accepted.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education- NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Delgado Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	43	21	22	20/22	81%	5	86%	73%
2022	38	20	16	16/16	80%	4	81%	81%
2021	31	17	9	7/9	78%	7	100%	89%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS– Delgado Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	21	76%	78%	2023	23	74%	69%
2022	15	47%	69%	2022	11	64%	64%
2021	5	80%	68%	2021	4	100%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2000/Last comprehensive review 2019/Next comprehensive review 2026

Re-accreditation: October 2020 for a period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2020 reaccreditation from date of last comprehensive review with commendation for the strength and initiative of the program director, faculty and advisory board.

MARYLAND

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - YES (General Education only)

Part-time program offered - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	90	30	14	9/14	64%	8	100%	100%
2022	72	34	21	7/21	33%	3	100%	76%
2021	56	13	14	8/14	57%	3	100%	79%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	15	80%	78%	2023	14	86%	69%
2022	22	82%	69%	2022	23	78%	64%
2021	14	93%	68%	2021	14	86%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1973/Last comprehensive review 2017/Next comprehensive review 2024

Re-accreditation: April 2017 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2017 re-accreditation with no stipulations.

-February 2023 – Administrative Probation for failure to submit timely Annual Report.

-April 2023 – Administrative Probation status resolved.

-April 2024 – Administrative Probation due to delayed site visit.

-October 2024 – Administrative Probation status resolved. Site visit scheduled for November 2024.

MASSACHUSETTS

Cape Cod Community College-Funeral Service Program

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Degree Offered: Associate in Science

Distance Learning –YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Cape Cod Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	65	11	13	13/13	93%	0	100%	100%
2022	72	36	16	16/16	92%	2	100%	100%
2021	44	44	7	7/7	84%	6	86%	71%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Cape Cod Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	2	100%	78%	2023	2	100%	69%
2022	2	100%	69%	2022	2	100%	64%
2021	1	100%	68%	2021	1	0%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE to teach out Mt. Ida College Associate in Science degree program effective through September 1, 2020.

May 2020 - Candidacy for Cape Cod Community College Funeral Service Associate Degree Program approved.

Initial Accreditation 2021/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: October 2024 for a period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2021 – Initial Accreditation granted for period of three years.

-April 2022 – COA acknowledged updates to webpage, program handbook and assessment plan. Assessment plan requires attention to Standards 10.1.2c, 10.1.2d and 10.1.2e. Updates should be presented by February 15, 2023.

-October 2022 – submitted application for approval to offer distance education subject to focus visit.

-October 2023 – Distance education approved.

-October 2024 – Re-accreditation for a period of seven (7) years with the requirement to submit an updated assessment plan with the 2024 Annual Report.

Effective August 27, 2018, CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE was approved to teach out students enrolled in the now defunct Mount Ida College AS degree program. Transcripts for Mt. Ida graduates can be ordered online at <http://www.umass.edu/registrar/mtida>.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Fine Mortuary College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	251	127	28	25/28	89%	61	96%	75%
2022	174	74	20	20/20	100%	17	100%	90%
2021	142	56	23	18/23	78%	7	96%	87%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1/2 times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Fine Mortuary College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	14	79%	78%	2023	16	81%	69%
2022	14	64%	69%	2022	11	64%	64%
2021	18	83%	68%	2021	18	78%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1997/Last comprehensive review 2019/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: October 2019 for period of seven (7) years from previous review in 2018

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2019 for period of seven (7) years with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were the rapid response to suggestions of the site visit team, consistent student success on the national licensing examination, upgraded facilities since the last ABFSE visit and the opportunities for communication between all constituencies of the institution.

-April 2022 – Substantive Change application to add Distance Education is received. Site visit will be scheduled.

-May 2022 – completed site visit to confirm change in ownership structure.

-October 2022 – Approved to offer the accredited program via Distance Education.

-April 2024 – Substantive Change accepted naming new Program Director.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education– No (hybrid offerings).

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION – Northshore Community College

(program was not accredited until 2022 so 2021 data is not available.)

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	46	22	3	3/3	75%	1	100%	67%
2022	32	16	2	2/2	100%	1	100%	100%
2021	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS– Northshore Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	3	33%	78%	2023	3	33%	69%
2022	0	N/A	69%	2022	0	N/A	64%
2021	-	---	68%	2021	-	---	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Initial Accreditation 2022/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2025

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

–June 2021- Candidacy status approved.

-April 2022 - Initial Accreditation granted with no stipulations. Initial Accreditation is for a period of three (3) years. COA recognized the administrative support for the program, the Advisory Committee commitment to the fledgling program and the level of commitment demonstrated by the program director.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Bachelor of Science

Distance Education–YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Wayne State University

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	106	44	36	32/36	92%	0	97%	94%
2022	100	45	22	21/22	92%	2	95%	95%
2021	91	48	27	24/27	93%	4	93%	89%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Wayne State University

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	35	100%	78%	2023	35	100%	69%
2022	22	95%	69%	2022	22	82%	64%
2021	26	81%	68%	2021	26	73%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Bachelor of Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1983/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review 2030

Re-accreditation: October 2023 for period of seven (7) years; no stipulations.

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

-October 2016 – reaccredit for period of seven (7) years; no stipulations

-April 2019–Approved delivery of the accredited degree program via distance education following a Focus Visit.

-October 2023 - reaccredit for period of seven (7) years; no stipulations. COA recognized the strong faculty, an effective advisory board, assessment plan and practicum program, strong administrative support, and a comprehensive Distance Education program as important factors in the decision.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Bachelor of Science

Distance Education– NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - University of Minnesota

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	102	38	17	17/17	100%	3	94%	94%
2022	95	38	26	26/26	100%	0	100%	100%
2021	87	33	28	28/28	100%	2	100%	96%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - University of Minnesota

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	18	67%	78%	2023	18	78%	69%
2022	26	85%	69%	2022	28	75%	64%
2021	25	72%	68%	2021	25	60%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Bachelor of Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1952/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2019 for period of seven (7) years

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2019 re-accreditation with no stipulations and commendations for strength of program leadership, extensive evaluation and assessment efforts and student participation in program governance.

MISSISSIPPI

East Mississippi Community College-Funeral Service Technology

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - Yes (General Education only)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - East Mississippi Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	38	20	13	13/13	87%	10	92%	85%
2022	45	26	10	10/10	91%	8	100%	80%
2021	36	20	13	12/13	87%	4	100%	92%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - East Mississippi Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	10	70%	78%	2023	9	78%	69%
2022	10	50%	69%	2022	7	71%	64%
2021	10	78%	68%	2021	9	67%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Technology

Initial Accreditation 1975/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review 2030

Re-accreditation: October 2023 for period of 7 years with progress report due February 15, 2024 (see below)

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

- April 2013 accreditation extended to October 2020. Probation continued to April 2021. Final decision delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- May 2020 – program placed on Probation following comprehensive review subject to evaluation of a compliance report (due September 1, 2020) to demonstrate implementation of an effective assessment plan.
- October 2020 –additional assessment data required by February 2021.
- April 2021 – Program returned to good standing (Probation concerns satisfied). Program will submit an updated assessment plan.
- April 2022 – COA reviewed an updated assessment plan submitted February 2022. The plan appears to be lacking attention to Standard 10.1.1a. An updated plan is due for COA review by September 1, 2022.

- October 2022 – Updated assessment plan accepted by COA.
Administrative Probationary Accreditation for failure to pay accreditation renewal fees.
- February 2023 – Administrative Probation resolved. Program in ‘Good Standing.’
- October 2023 –Reaccreditation for seven (7) years with a progress report to verify that course descriptions for all courses are uniform across all sources of information; provide an updated document retention policy for Funeral Service Technology; verify that the *new* curriculum has been implemented.
- April 2024 – Submit revised follow-up report by September 1, 2024 to address stipulations.
- October 2024 – Stipulations satisfied.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education- General Education only

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Northwest Mississippi Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	42	17	16	15/16	88%	2	88%	56%
2022	41	13	8	6/8	80%	5	88%	88%
2021	41	21	8	7/8	90%	9	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Northwest Mississippi Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	12	67%	78%	2023	9	67%	69%
2022	7	86%	69%	2022	9	78%	64%
2021	6	100%	68%	2021	6	100%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Technology

Initial Accreditation 1977/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: April 2024 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2018 accepted response to Focus Visit to verify response to reaccreditation stipulations.

-January 2021 – approved Substantive Change naming new Program Director.

-April 2024 – Reaccreditation approved for period of seven (7) years.

MISSOURI

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park-Funeral Service Education

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - St. Louis Community College at Forest Park

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	43	20	12	12/12	86%	2	42%	42%
2022	41	15	13	13/13	100%	0	69%	62%
2021	41	13	12	12/12	79%	3	58%	50%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - St. Louis Community College at Forest Park

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	7	86%	78%	2023	11	27%	69%
2022	12	50%	69%	2022	9	44%	64%
2021	9	44%	68%	2021	8	25%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2015/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2019 for period of seven (7) years.

Most Recent Accreditation decision: April 2019 re-accredit for period of 7 years with no stipulations.

COA acknowledged the exceptional level of institutional support, the job shadowing program, strength of the clinical program and the comprehensive nature of the assessment plan.

NEW JERSEY

Eastwick College-Funeral Service Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education- NO

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Eastwick College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	66	31	16	15/16	63%	14	100%	94%
2022	74	56	12	11/12	63%	13	92%	92%
2021	62	34	10	9/10	42%	17	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Eastwick College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	11	55%	78%	2023	9	56%	69%
2022	6	17%	69%	2022	4	25%	64%
2021	1	100%	68%	2021	3	100%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 2015/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2019 accreditation continued for one year while program works to come into compliance with Standard 11.4.1 (consecutive 3-year periods with average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 – Program moves from ‘Probation’ to ‘Show Cause’ status for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (must ‘Show Cause’ why accreditation should not be removed by improving the 3-year average pass rate on the national licensing exam to 60%)

-April 2020 – program returned to good standing after demonstrating improved 3-year average pass rate on the national licensing exam.

-April 2022 – new Program Director named.

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Accredited Degrees Offered: Associate of Applied Science & Certificate (3rd year)

Distance Education - Hybrid courses only

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Mercer County Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	104	41	18	14/18	95%	0	100%	100%
2022	102	43	32	32/32	73%	1	100%	100%
2021	119	52	34	30/34	71%	8	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Mercer County Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	25	68%	78%	2023	26	62%	69%
2022	39	67%	69%	2022	36	61%	64%
2021	35	74%	68%	2021	38	60%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science & Certificate (3rd year) - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1976/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: October 2018 for period of seven (7) years with one stipulation

Most recent Accreditation decision: October 2018, submit updated assessment plan tied to new ABFSE

Learning Outcomes by September 1, 2019.

-October 2019 accepted updated assessment plan.

NEW YORK

American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service Education

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Degree Offered: Associate in Occupational Studies

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - American Academy McAllister Institute

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	435	129	80	42/80	53%	112	89%	70%
2022	569	159	92	48/92	52%	229	79%	67%
2021	690	189	61	26/61	30%	120	67%	57%

**Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.*

***Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)*

****Left before completing the program; did not finish.*

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- American Academy McAllister Institute

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	67	81%	78%	2023	60	80%	69%
2022	79	67%	69%	2022	76	64%	64%
2021	56	59%	68%	2021	58	52%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Funeral Service Program and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Occupational Studies – Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1946/Last comprehensive review 2020(postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic)/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2023 for period of three (3) years with stipulation to provide updated assessment plan and curriculum distribution.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2021 - current program and institutional accreditation continued on Probation. Probation status to be addressed by March 1, 2022 with requirements to verify accuracy of 2020 Annual Report data and verify compliance with accreditation standards that took effect January 1, 2020 (Standards 1,2,3,6,10).

-April 2022 – Probation status extended for one year (until April 2023) based on significant efforts to address original probation concerns. At that time, a clearly articulated & integrated assessment plan must be presented. Such a plan will demonstrate a mechanism for collecting, assessing,& applying data in order for assessment efforts to lead to continuous program improvement.(In-person follow-up to October 2020 virtual site visit is required)

-October 2022 –In-person follow-up visit completed.

-April 2023 – Probation status resolved. Return to ‘Good Standing.’

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education – Partial

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Hudson Valley Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	40	22	12	10/12	70%	5	92%	67%
2022	49	30	12	9/12	67%	5	83%	75%
2021	45	27	18	4/18	67%	5	100%	78%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Hudson Valley Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	4	100%	78%	2023	6	83%	69%
2022	11	73%	69%	2022	8	88%	64%
2021	12	92%	68%	2021	13	77%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1947/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review 2030

Re-accreditation: October 2023 for period of seven (7) years with no stipulations.

Most recent Accreditation decisions:

- October 2016 for period of seven (7) years
- April 2017 received updated college catalog to verify proper accreditation statement.
- October 2023 – re-accredited for period of seven (7) years; no stipulations. Progress report due March 1, 2024 to document evidence of faculty training for the new learning management system. Important factors in the re-accreditation decision were evidence of interdisciplinary cooperation and the dedicated space for teaching funeral practices and embalming/restorative arts labs.
- April 2024 – Satisfactory progress report received.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - Yes (Less than 50%)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Nassau Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	77	47	32	32/32	100%	4	94%	94%
2022	76	29	13	11/13	85%	6	100%	77%
2021	82	29	31	30/31	97%	4	87%	87%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Nassau Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	28	86%	78%	2023	28	64%	69%
2022	10	60%	69%	2022	10	90%	64%
2021	23	61%	68%	2021	22	64%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1991/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review *tbd*

Re-accreditation: April 2016 extended while program addresses Probation concerns following comprehensive review.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 accepted progress report to demonstrate use of assessment data for program improvement. 2019 Assessment Plan to be submitted with Annual Report.

-April 2020 – acknowledged receipt of updated assessment plan.

-April 2021 - 2021 Annual Report is to be accompanied by an updated assessment plan that includes data and demonstration of how assessment was used for program improvement.

-April 2022 – COA acknowledged receipt of the assessment plan. Evidence to support Standard 10.1.2.g was not obvious. This information must be provided during the upcoming comprehensive review.

-April 2023 – Probation for one (1) year while the program addresses concerns with Standards 1,3,5,7,9,10 regarding internal communication processes, program recordkeeping, course syllabi, affiliation agreements, updates to student handbook and continued assessment concerns.

-April 2024 – Program accreditation status is moved from 'Probation' to 'Show Cause why accreditation should not be removed'. Unresolved Probation issues will be reviewed for an April 2025 decision. If Probation issues are not resolved at that time, accreditation will be removed. Program accreditation remains in effect until that time.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Bachelor of Technology

Part-time option available:

Distance Education - Yes (Less than 50%)

Part-time program offered: Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - State University of New York at Canton

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	96	9	17	16/17	83%	5	88%	71%
2022	80	48	13	13/13	100%	0	77%	62%
2021	64	2	8	7/8	68%	18	100%	88%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- State University of New York at Canton

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	7	71%	78%	2023	6	83%	69%
2022	7	86%	69%	2022	7	71%	64%
2021	8	75%	68%	2021	8	63%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Bachelor of Technology - Funeral Services Administration

Initial Accreditation 2012/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2019 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 for period of 7 years with one stipulation to provide evidence of faculty assessment by September 1, 2019.

-October 2019 - faculty assessment data to be updated by March 1, 2020.

-April 2020 – COA acknowledged receipt of updated assessment plan.

-April 2024 – Application to approve Distance Education denied.

-October 2024 – Application for Distance Education approved with two (2) stipulations to be addressed no later than April 2025.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education -YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Fayetteville Technical Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	219	124	55	40/55	73%	23	100%	87%
2022	245	129	63	55/63	87%	4	83%	46%
2021	243	105	54	48/54	90%	23	76%	67%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Fayetteville Technical Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	33	67%	78%	2023	37	54%	69%
2022	33	48%	69%	2022	31	52%	64%
2021	31	46%	68%	2021	36	47%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1973/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review 2026

Re-accreditation: April 2024 for period of three (3) years with no stipulations.

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2019 – program returned to good standing (removed from Probation status).

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Accredited Degrees Offered: Associate in Applied Science; Bachelor of Mortuary Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	106	75	46	45/46	98%	3	93%	91%
2022	102	49	71	71/71	97%	2	94%	89%
2021	117	75	47	46/47	89%	6	98%	87%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	59	85%	78%	2023	60	77%	69%
2022	64	66%	69%	2022	61	67%	64%
2021	59	71%	68%	2021	61	57%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science and Bachelor of Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1987/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2029

Re-accreditation: October 2022 for period of seven (7) years

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2015; Recommend more attention to use of assessment data for program improvement.

-October 2022 –Reaccreditation for seven (7) years with stipulation to provide evidence of compliance with Standards 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 and Standards 7.2.1 and 7.2.3 for credit granted to students for work carried out off the main campus.

-April 2023 –Response to stipulations accepted. Additional follow-up required.

-October 2023 – Additional follow-up response accepted.

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Accredited Degree Offered: Bachelor of Science; Certificate (2 yr.)

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - University of Central Oklahoma

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	217	71	27	26/27	95%	24	96%	93%
2022	251	103	21	18/21	99%	24	100%	100%
2021	192	97	20	19/20	100%	65	95%	95%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- University of Central Oklahoma

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	19	74%	78%	2023	20	65%	69%
2022	17	100%	69%	2022	15	73%	64%
2021	18	89%	68%	2021	20	85%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Bachelor of Science and Certificate (2 yr.) - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1964/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2029

Re-accreditation: April 2023 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2023 with no stipulations.

COA acknowledged the level of institutional support for the program, the number of full-time faculty (4) assigned to the program, release time for the program director, the collegial, student-centered culture, excellent library facilities and opportunities for clinical experience.

OREGON

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education- NO

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Mt. Hood Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	52	26	28	26/28	93%	5	93%	79%
2022	44	29	22	22/22	91%	2	95%	91%
2021	47	31	16	15/16	76%	8	88%	81%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Mt. Hood Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	28	71%	78%	2023	28	75%	69%
2022	22	82%	69%	2022	22	91%	64%
2021	16	75%	68%	2021	16	63%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1970/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: April 2024 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2024 with no stipulations.

PENNSYLVANIA

Northampton Community College-Funeral Service Education

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education- NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Northampton Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	33	18	15	15/15	94%	6	100%	93%
2022	29	16	13	13/13	87%	3	92%	62%
2021	37	15	19	19/19	83%	3	100%	74%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Northampton Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	15	93%	78%	2023	15	93%	69%
2022	13	100%	69%	2022	13	100%	64%
2021	5	100%	68%	2021	15	100%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 1980/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: April 2022 for period of seven (7) years

Most Recent Accreditation decision: April 2022 re-accreditation for period of seven (7) years with requirement to provide an updated affiliation agreement template.

COA recognized the strength of the faculty and overall level of institutional commitment to the program, the strong record of student success on the national licensing examinations, and comprehensive syllabi for all courses in the program.

-June 2022 - accept the response to the stipulation concerning Standards 7.2.4.c & d (updated affiliation agreement template).

Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science

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Accredited Degrees Offered: Associate in Specialized Technology; Associate in Specialized Business;
 Diploma in Embalming and Funeral Directing
 Distance Education – YES
 Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	493	186	93	84/93	73%	0	85%	76%
2022	457	188	64	62/64	73%	16	97%	92%
2021	357	191	65	64/65	100%	31	82%	74%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	91	93%	78%	2023	85	85%	69%
2022	64	83%	69%	2022	65	62%	64%
2021	55	71%	68%	2021	52	37%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Mortuary Science Programs and Institution Accredited by ABFSE

Programs Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Specialized Technology Degree; Associate in Specialized Business Degree; Diploma in Embalming and Funeral Directing

Initial Accreditation 1977/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: October 2018 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2018 with no stipulations.

-April 2024 – Satisfactory completion of mid-cycle review.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Piedmont Technical College-Funeral Service Education

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - Yes (Less than 50%)

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Piedmont Technical College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	40	28	32	31/32	97%	2	100%	88%
2022	30	30	23	22/23	73%	0	100%	74%
2021	27	27	20	20/20	74%	0	100%	85%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Piedmont Technical College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	25	56%	78%	2023	20	45%	69%
2022	19	53%	69%	2022	19	63%	64%
2021	11	100%	68%	2021	10	90%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2000/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: April 2021 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 – program placed on Probation for failure to meet Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on national licensing exam is less than 60%)

-April 2020 – program returned to good standing after demonstrating improved 3-year average pass rate on the national licensing exam.

-October 2021 – program re-accredited with no stipulations and recognition of faculty who work as an effective team, an active Advisory Committee, operation of a donor program and pet crematory to supplement instruction and the support of the Piedmont Funeral Service Foundation for scholarships.

TENNESSEE

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Accredited Degrees Offered: Associate of Arts; Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education– YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - John A. Gupton College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	122	78	62	41/62	66%	63	95%	92%
2022	186	92	38	23/38	61%	35	100%	100%
2021	237	92	27	23/27	85%	45	100%	89%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- John A. Gupton College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	59	100%	78%	2023	57	91%	69%
2022	38	97%	69%	2022	37	89%	64%
2021	27	96%	68%	2021	27	93%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Funeral Service Programs and Institution Accredited by ABFSE:

Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1946/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: October 2021 for period of seven (7) years

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2017 - Approved new distance education AAS degree following Focus Visit.

-October 2021 – Re-accredited for period of seven (7) years with no stipulations following a virtual site visit and with recognition of strong financial support, organization and structure, administration, teamwork and collegiality. Also acknowledged were ease of use and accessibility of information on the website and in print, and facilities and learning environment that foster student success.

(in person follow-up to virtual visit completed October 2021)

Southwest Tennessee Community College -Funeral Service Program

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Distance Education – NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Southwest Tennessee Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	33	14	4	4/4	80%	2	100%	75%
2022	33	7	2	2/2	29%	1	100%	100%
2021	50	65	6	6/6	13%	22	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Southwest Tennessee Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	6	33%	78%	2023	1	100%	69%
2022	1	100%	69%	2022	1	0%	64%
2021	2	50%	68%	2021	0	n/a	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2021/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2027

Re-accreditation: October 2024 for period of three (3) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: August 2021 - Initial Accreditation approved for period of 3 years

-April 2020 - Candidacy approved

-April 2021 - Candidacy status on Probation to address recordkeeping stipulations and to provide an assessment plan in compliance with January 1, 2020 standards.

-June 2021 - Initial Accreditation denied. No updated assessment plan provided; recordkeeping and documentation stipulations not met. Option to appeal the decision is available.

-August 2021 - Initial Accreditation approved following COA review of supporting documents.

Updated assessment plan to be submitted with each Annual Report.

-October 2022 - Administrative Probationary Accreditation for failure to pay accreditation renewal fees.

-February 2023 –Administrative Probation addressed. Program returns to ‘Good Standing.’

-October 2024 – Re-accreditation for a period of three (3) with the requirement to submit an updated assessment plan by September 1, 2025.

TEXAS

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education –YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	423	299	142	141/142	82%	97	95%	70%
2022	399	277	138	134/138	87%	98	94%	69%
2021	349	211	162	161/162	81%	64	91%	66%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	115	75%	78%	2023	98	70%	69%
2022	81	75%	69%	2022	68	69%	64%
2021	70	59%	68%	2021	65	43%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science – Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1988/Last comprehensive review 2017/Next comprehensive review 2024

Re-accreditation: April 2018 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2018 re-accreditation with no stipulations.

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education -YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Dallas Institute of Funeral Service

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	405	60	134	131/134	97%	74	83%	83%
2022	277	213	62	58/62	29%	79	92%	90%
2021	350	75	72	68/72	65%	20	85%	65%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - - Dallas Institute of Funeral Service

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	130	85%	78%	2023	128	80%	69%
2022	49	76%	69%	2022	47	68%	64%
2021	62	81%	68%	2021	61	64%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program and Institution Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science – Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 1946/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: October 2024 for period of seven (7) years with one stipulation.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 - accepted the Focus Visit report required following April 2018 approval to offer the accredited AAS degree program via distance education.

-June 2024 - COA approved a change in the institutional mission statement and a curriculum change that establishes a uniform curriculum plan for all Pierce schools. COA is to receive copies of the communication explaining the changes that were shared with students.

-October 2024 – required copies of communications received.

Re-accreditation for period of seven (7) years with stipulation to provide evidence of consistent inspections of all sites where students embalm by March 1, 2025.

Northeast Texas Community College-Funeral Service Education

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education– YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Northeast Texas Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	56	28	19	19/19	83%	4	95%	79%
2022	58	39	25	22/25	89%	3	100%	96%
2021	38	19	15	15/15	95%	2	93%	93%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Northeast Texas Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	23	61%	78%	2023	25	48%	69%
2022	21	67%	69%	2022	19	58%	64%
2021	9	44%	68%	2021	9	44%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2018/Last comprehensive review 2022/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: April 2022 for period of seven (7) years (original accreditation extension granted during Covid-19 pandemic)

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2019 accepted monitoring report for distance education courses required after Initial Accreditation.

-April 2022 – Re-accreditation granted with stipulation to submit an updated assessment plan that incorporates Program Learning Outcomes as identified in Standard 2. Updated plan due February 2023.

COA acknowledged the level of institutional support for the program, leadership of the program director, the dedication of the program faculty, modern facilities and a supportive Advisory Board.

-April 2023 –updated assessment plan accepted.

San Antonio College-Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - San Antonio College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	314	37	33	22/33	92%	10	91%	82%
2022	277	66	16	8/16	100%	1	94%	75%
2021	167	76	26	23/26	88%	2	92%	62%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- San Antonio College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	22	82%	78%	2023	10	70%	69%
2022	18	83%	69%	2022	14	71%	64%
2021	21	71%	68%	2021	16	63%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 1963/Last comprehensive review 2024/Next comprehensive review 2031

Re-accreditation: October 2024 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: October 2017 re-accreditation with no stipulations.

-October 2024 re-accreditation with no stipulations.

UTAH

Salt Lake Community College-Mortuary Science Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education- NO

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Salt Lake Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	42	24	14	12/14	82%	11	100%	86%
2022	36	21	14	14/14	94%	4	86%	79%
2021	38	25	13	13/13	93%	10	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Salt Lake Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	14	100%	78%	2023	15	67%	69%
2022	14	79%	69%	2022	13	69%	64%
2021	14	79%	68%	2021	14	64%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Mortuary Science

Initial Accreditation 2013/Last comprehensive review 2023/Next comprehensive review 2030

Re-accreditation: April 2023 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2023 re-accreditation with no stipulations.

COA recognized the strength of the faculty, college and advisory council support for the program, a detailed and comprehensive embalming certification process and an exemplary assessment plan.

-April 2024 – Substantive Change accepted naming new Program Director.

VIRGINIA

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION –Brightpoint Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	89	41	33	33/33	85%	1	91%	82%
2022	81	40	29	28/29	100%	0	100%	100%
2021	76	39	37	37/37	100%	1	100%	95%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Brightpoint Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	25	96%	78%	2023	25	76%	69%
2022	25	52%	69%	2022	22	50%	64%
2021	20	55%	68%	2021	22	41%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Contact the program directly for information regarding success of Distance Education graduates.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Services

Initial Accreditation 1973/Last comprehensive review 2019/Next comprehensive review 2026

Re-accreditation: October 2019 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decision: October 2019 for period of seven (7) years with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were the efficient response to site visit team comments, the strength of the program assessment plan and the level of institutional support for technology and distance education.

Tidewater Community College-Funeral Service Program

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education - No

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Tidewater Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	34	18	12	10/12	69%	0	100%	100%
2022	39	13	15	10/15	66%	5	100%	100%
2021	49	18	10	7/10	45%	6	80%	80%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Tidewater Community College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	12	100%	78%	2023	12	100%	69%
2022	15	87%	69%	2022	13	92%	64%
2021	12	67%	68%	2021	13	62%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 2008/Last comprehensive review 2021 (rescheduled due to Covid-19 pandemic)/Next comprehensive review 2027

Re-accreditation: June 2021 for period of seven (7) years from last scheduled review (2020)

Most recent Accreditation decisions: June 2021 –re-accreditation for period of 7 years from last scheduled review (2020) with commendations for the strength of the Program Director and Faculty, strong working relationship between Institutional Research and the Funeral Service program and the overall level of support of the program provided by the college.

-June 2022 – in person follow-up to virtual re-accreditation visit was completed.

WASHINGTON

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Applied Science

Distance Education - YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Lake Washington Institute of Technology

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	88	46	22	21/22	86%	15	86%	77%
2022	68	34	12	12/12	86%	11	83%	75%
2021	70	40	16	14/16	88%	11	94%	75%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Lake Washington Institute of Technology

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	21	95%	78%	2023	21	95%	69%
2022	11	82%	69%	2022	11	55%	64%
2021	15	93%	68%	2021	13	85%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2012/Last comprehensive review 2018/Next comprehensive review 2025

Re-accreditation: April 2019 for period of seven (7) years.

Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2019 corrected Probation status from April 2018 and re-accredited in good standing for period of seven (7) years with no stipulations.

-April 2023 –Approval granted to offer the accredited program via Distance Education.

-June 2024 – Administrative Probation. Program Director lacking ABFSE requirements of Standard 1.8.

-October 2024 – Confirmed Interim Program Director with appropriate credentials.

WISCONSIN

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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education - NO

Part-time option available - Yes

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Milwaukee Area Technical College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2023	61	30	27	25/27	87%	2	100%	100%
2022	53	31	20	19/20	100%	3	95%	95%
2021	38	21	17	17/17	80%	2	100%	100%

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

**Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

***Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS- Milwaukee Area Technical College

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2023	24	92%	78%	2023	21	76%	69%
2022	18	94%	69%	2022	19	68%	64%
2021	15	77%	68%	2021	14	83%	57%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate in Applied Science - Funeral Service

Initial Accreditation 2000/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028

Re-accreditation: October 2015 for period of seven (7) years with Focus Visit and Follow-up report to demonstrate use of assessment data for program improvement.

Most recent Accreditation decisions: April 2016 accept Focus Visit report and plans to use assessment data.

-April 2020 - Program placed on Probation status for failure to maintain three-year average NBE pass rate of at least 60%.(Standard 10.4)

-April 2021 – Program returned to good standing following demonstration of improved pass rate on the national licensing examination (NBE).

-October 2021 – re-accredited with one (1) stipulation to demonstrate that faculty report directly or indirectly to the Program Director (Standard 1.7.2).

-April 2022 - COA accepted the response to stipulation for Standard 1.7.2.

An updated assessment plan is due by February 15, 2022.

-October 2022 –In-person follow-up to Virtual Site Visit completed.

-April 2024 – accepted application for review of distance education. Site visit to be scheduled.

Programs in Candidacy

October 2024 – none.

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