

Committee on Accreditation (COA) Actions:

April 2019

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs at the April 9-10, 2019 meeting in Miami, FL:

Renewal of Accreditation

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

State University of New York – Canton - Canton, NY

Accreditation granted with one stipulation:

- provide evidence of faculty assessment by September 1, 2019.

The program is commended for the efficient response to site visit team comments, the level of administrative support and knowledge about the program, advisory committee support, and facilities, including library and housing for the students.

St. Louis Community College - St. Louis, MO

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

The program is commended for the effective response to site visit team feedback, the exceptional level of institutional support, the job shadowing program, the comprehensive nature of the assessment plan and the strength of the clinical program.

Lake Washington Institute of Technology - Kirkland, WA

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

The Institute is commended for the strength of program leadership, the support of the administration and the implementation of evidence-based program improvement.

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

The program is commended for the strength of leadership of the program director, the extensive evaluation and assessment efforts and the student participation in program governance.

Initial Accreditation

University of District of Columbia Community College - Washington, DC

Initial Accreditation is granted for three years.

COA acknowledged clear financial, administrative and community support and a comprehensive planning process.

Candidacy applications approved – subject to site visit

Southwest Tennessee – Memphis, TN

Columbus Technical College – Columbus, GA

Cape Cod Community College – West Barnstable, MA

Unannounced Visit

American Academy McAllister Institute – New York, NY
COA approved visit report and school response to visit

Focus Visits – Distance education approval

Dallas Institute – Dallas, TX
Approved Focus Visit report required for Distance Education approval

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI
Approved Focus Visit report required for Distance Education approval

Northeast Texas Community College – approved review of regular and substantive interaction in distance courses to fulfill stipulation for Initial Accreditation

Substantive Change Approval – Addition of Distance Education

Worsham College - Wheeling, IL
Approved distance education for delivery of a new AAS degree program subject to a Focus Visit.

Tidewater Community College – Virginia Beach, VA
Approved distance education for delivery of the accredited degree program subject to a Focus Visit.

Progress Reports – accepted

Carl Sandburg College – Galesburg, IL
Faculty evaluation report.

Nassau Community College – Garden City, NY
Assessment Plan to be submitted 2019 Annual Report

Lincoln College to Goodwin College – E. Hartford, CT
Goodwin College is approved to accept transfer of the Lincoln College program.
Goodwin will voluntarily submit Candidacy application in Fall 2019.

Progress Reports – required

Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service – Decatur, GA

- submit evidence of academic and student support service for distance education program by September 1, 2019

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, IL

- Update on substantive change application for approval of distance education

Arapahoe Community College – Littleton, CO

- Submit comprehensive Assessment plan with 2019 Annual Report

Probation. Program on Probation status for failure to meet Standard 11.4 must demonstrate improvement of average licensing examination rates by April 2020 or face ‘Show Cause’ status.

Piedmont Technical College – Greenwood, SC
Program placed on Probation status for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Show Cause. Programs on ‘Show Cause’ status for failure to meet Standard 11.4.1 must demonstrate improvement of average national licensing examination pass rates by April 2020 or face loss of accreditation.

Amarillo College – Amarillo, TX

Program placed on Show Cause status for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Eastwick College – Hackensack, NJ

Program placed on Show Cause status for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Arkansas State University – Mountain Home, AR

Program placed on Show Cause status for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Accreditation Withdrawn

Holmes CC – Ridgeland, MS

Program was previously on ‘Show Cause’ status for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (Second consecutive year with 3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Return to good standing – improved 3-year average NBE pass rate

Vincennes University – Vincennes, IN

Fayetteville Technical Community College – Fayetteville, NC

Program Closure

The following institution ceased instruction of the funeral service/mortuary science program effective December 31, 2018. Program (faculty, curriculum, equipment/supplies) transferred to Goodwin College to commence January 1, 2019.

Lincoln College – Southington, CT

Students offered the opportunity to complete their education at Goodwin College.

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

The following institutions/programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the October 24-25, 2019 meeting in Chicago, IL.

Re-accreditation:

Ogeechee Technical College - Statesboro, GA

FINE - Norwood, MA

John Tyler Community College - Chester, VA

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to September 1, 2019.

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