



Committee on Accreditation Actions

April 2026

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs at the April 14-15, 2026 meeting in Houston, TX:

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

Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Kirkland, WA

Program is reaccredited with one stipulation to address questions about audited financial statements by March 1, 2027.

St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO

Program is reaccredited with one stipulation to provide evidence to support Standard 7.2 and with commendations for maintaining a supportive advisory committee and enhanced clinical experience for embalming.

State University of New York (SUNY), Canton, NY

Program is reaccredited with the requirement to submit evidence to address 5 stipulations by March 1, 2027.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Program reaccredited with no stipulations and four (4) commendations.

Stipulations satisfied

Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service, Houston, TX

Stipulation response required

Mercer County Community College, Trenton, NJ

Assessment update by September 1, 2026.

Probation

Arkansas State University – Mountain Home – Mountain Home, AR

Program is placed on probation for failure to address stipulations from October 2025. Response is due by September 1, 2026. Accreditation is continued during Probation.

Eastwick College – Hackensack, NJ

Accreditation is continued following reaccreditation visit. Probation response must address NBE pass rate and graduation/retention rates (Standards 10.4, 10.5, 10.8),

assessment issues (Standards 2.3, 10.1, 10.3-10.6), and recordkeeping (Standard 7.2). Response is due in two stages September 1, 2026 and March 1, 2027.

Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL

Program is placed on probation for failure to address questions regarding NBE pass rates after two requests. Response is due by September 1, 2026. Accreditation is continued during Probation.

Milwaukee Area Technical College - West Allis, WI

Program is placed on probation following review of an updated assessment plan. Assessment plan lacks attention to the required components of Standard 10. Response due by September 1, 2026. Accreditation is continued during Probation.

North Shore Community College – Danvers, MA

Program is placed on probation for failure to address specifically requested topics in the assessment plan. Response due by September 1, 2026. Accreditation is continued during Probation.

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, IL

Program placed on probation for failure to address stipulations from October 2025. Response due by September 1, 2026. Accreditation is continued during Probation.

Southwest Tennessee Community College – Memphis, TN

Program placed on probation for failure to provide evidence to satisfy NBE improvement plans after two requests. Response due by September 1, 2026. Accreditation is continued during Probation.

Probation status satisfied

Carl Sandburg College – Galesburg, IL.

Probation issues regarding assessment were successfully addressed. Accreditation status returns to good standing. Two stipulations must be addressed by March 1, 2027.

Miami Dade College – Miami, FL.

Probation concerns are satisfied. Accreditation status returns to good standing.

Other actions taken by the Committee on Accreditation in April 2026 did not affect the accredited status of the programs involved.

The following institutions/programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation and related action via a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the next scheduled meeting October 22-23, 2026 in Charlotte, NC.

Re-accreditation:

FINE, Norwood, MA
Brightpoint Community College, Chester, VA
Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, GA

Candidacy:

West Georgia Technical College, Douglasville, GA

Distance Education application status

Kansas City Kansas Community College - Kansas City, KS
Virtual visit is complete. Program review scheduled for October 2026.

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science - Cincinnati, OH
Virtual visit is complete. Program review scheduled for October 2026.

Goodwin University - E. Hartford, CT
Virtual visit is scheduled for June/July 2026. Program review scheduled for October 2026.

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to September 1, 2026.

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