

ABFSE Curriculum Review 2023

Educators and practitioners were hosted by Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Kirkland, WA for the annual Hilgenfeld Family Curriculum Review Workshop June 1-4, 2023.

ABFSE reviews a portion of the curriculum outlines utilized by ABFSE accredited programs every year to ensure that material available for classroom use is current and accurate. The Summer 2023 review covered Embalming, Embalming Chemistry and Funeral Service Psychology and Counseling.



Hilgenfeld Foundation for Mortuary Education of Anaheim, CA has financially supported various academic endeavors of ABFSE for more than 40 years and ABFSE is grateful for their contributions. The Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards utilizes the ABFSE curriculum outlines in item development for the National Board Examination and they also contribute financial support for the curriculum review process.

Participants traveled from all over the US to take part in the curriculum review.

Work groups were led by Cody Lopasky, *Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service*, Lisa Meehan, *Lake Washington Institute of Technology*, and Jolena Grande, *Cypress College*.

Participants also included Matt Buel, *Arkansas State Univ. - Mountain Home*, Brian Mullins, *Dallas Institute*, Bob Arvidson, Jonathon Acosta and Brian McMurrough, *Worsham College*, Karen Scott, *Malcolm X College*, Michele Rugar-Smith, *Ogeechee Technical Institute*, Chelsea Cush, *Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science*, Autumn Cooper, *Wayne State University*, Shawna Rodabaugh, *Pierce Colleges*, Tony Moore, *Northampton Community College*, and Dan Shea, *Cape Cod Community College*.



Practitioners included Sara Moss, *NFDA*, Paige Zeitz, funeral director from North Dakota and Seth Williams, funeral director from Iowa, both representing *ICFSEB*.

Recommendations from the curriculum workshop are reviewed by all ABFSE programs and a final version of the curriculum outlines will be presented for approval in April 2024.