

Standard 3.3 *revised*

Since “The Committee on Accreditation (COA) is responsible for all policies related to Accreditation, including Standards...” (Chapter 10. F.1; page 10-3) when the issue regarding language in Standard 3.3 was presented, the COA took immediate action at the October 19, 2023 meeting.

Effective immediately, Standard 3.3 is revised to read as follows:

- 3.3 ABFSE accredited institutions or programs which choose to offer unaccredited programs, in addition to one or more accredited programs, must comply with the following procedures:
- 3.3.1 Publications describing the unaccredited program must contain the following information: “This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program will not have the academic credential for licensure in states where graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.”
- 3.3.2 In addition, the academic transcript for graduates of unaccredited programs must carry the same statement: “This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program will not have the academic credential for licensure in states where graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.”
- 3.3.3 The requirements of Standard 3.3 do not apply to a bachelor degree completion program which requires graduation from an ABFSE accredited program as a condition for admission.

The changes apply to both publications and transcripts for unaccredited programs.

Original language is included with strikethrough to demonstrate the changes. Note the term unaccreditable is also replaced with unaccredited.

- 3.3 ABFSE accredited institutions or programs which choose to offer *unaccredited programs*, in addition to one or more accredited programs, ~~unaccreditable programs~~ must comply with the following procedures:
- 3.3.1 *Publications describing the ~~unaccreditable~~ unaccredited program must contain the following information: “This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is **not** accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program **will not have the academic credential for licensure in states where** ~~are not eligible to take the National Board Examination or any state board examination for which~~ graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.”*
- 3.3.2 In addition, the academic transcript for graduates of *unaccredited* programs must carry the same statement: “This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. ~~Students graduating from this program are not eligible to take the National Board Examination or any state board examination for which~~ **will not have the academic credential for licensure in states where** graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.”

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