

ABFSE Town Hall

August 29, 2023



Discussion topics

Announcements

- Use ABFSE website
- Professional Development
September 20, 2023 - 2 pm
- *New COA members in April 2024*
- Update your webpages
- Accreditation statements
- ABFSE at conventions
- Textbooks

Coming your way

- Review of Standards
- Faculty database
- ABFSE legal work
- USDE re-recognition
USDE complaint policy
- *'Body Broker'* legislation
- COA in Charlotte – October 2023
ABFSE in Boston – April 2024
- Q & A

ABFSE website

Source of Useful information

- ABFSE Calendar

<https://www.abfse.org/docs/ABFSEcalendar2023.pdf>

- Announcements

<https://www.abfse.org/>

For Educator page

<https://www.abfse.org/html/educators.html>

Access to:

- Curriculum
(password to Program Director)
- Student Tracker
- Annual Report
- *new* Faculty database

Professional Development

September 20, 2023
2 PM Eastern

- Registration is required.
- See website for reminder.
- *Watch email for registration link.*
- Share the invite with ABFSE colleagues

Rubrics and Blueprints:
Techniques for Strategic Analysis of Student Performance

- **Unbundling complicated concepts**
- **Testing blueprints**
- **Use of Common departmental exams**
- **Rubrics to clearly define competencies and expectations**
- **Testing and the Learning Management System (LMS)**
 - **Rubrics and the LMS**
 - **Basic Data Analysis using the LMS**

new COA members in 2024

Terms end in April 2024

- 1 Public school rep
- 1 Private school rep

Interested?

- Talk to a current COA member &/or ABFSE Executive Director about the obligations and time commitment required
- Review qualifications in ABFSE Manual (Appendix B-8)
- CUC to share recommendations for candidates
- COA must select their own members – not a committee appointment

ABFSE Directory info and accreditation statement

Updates to be completed by October 1

- sent via email to each PD in May
- ‘chart/chart info’ to be on your program website
or linked to ABFSE website

Chart info sample

ABC Community College - Funeral Service Program

Address

City, State

R Smith, Program Director

Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Email: abcd@xyzcommco.edu

FAX: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Web: www.xyzcommco.edu

Accredited Degree Offered: Associate in Applied Science

Distance Education – YES

Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION – ABC Community College

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2022	71	71	28	14/28	94%	27	100%	100%
2021	56	56	19	11/19	77%	26	100%	100%
2020	44	44	26	17/26	78%	4	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 – ABC Community College

Single Year Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Single Year Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2022	20	80%	69%	2022	19	68%	64%
2021	21	62%	68%	2021	18	44%	57%
2020	18	83%	73%	2020	20	55%	64%

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 statements

Updated for 2023

- Minor change in language for most; not much change for some
- Must distinguish from unaccredited programs
- Must be in publicly promulgated materials
- Different for gatekeeper institutions than programs
- Different for those with more than one accredited program

The Funeral Service **associate degree program** at XYZ Community College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (816) 233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org.

- Webpage, Handbooks, catalogs, etc.
- Complete by October 1
- CHEA and USDE need confirmation

ABFSE @ national conventions

Summer 2023

- NFDMA in Atlanta
- CANA in DC

September 10-13

- NFDA in Las Vegas

Exhibitors want to reach the schools!!!

Representation

- Booth on exhibit floor
- Brochure listing all accredited programs
- Answer questions
- Presence

Textbooks

ABFSE & Hudson Valley Professional Services

- L. Cleveland gifted his work to ABFSE
- Book orders processed from the ABFSE office
- Effective June 2023

Review of Standards

Surveys – M. LuBrant

(Accreditation Liaison Committee)

- Timely responses are essential
- Survey access will be available from ABFSE website.
- Invite colleagues and stakeholders to participate in surveys.

- COA will need special meeting(s) to review responses.

No changes to Standards will be approved until April 2024.

**Anticipated implementation
January 1, 2025**

On the horizon

- Faculty database
- ABFSE website update
- Revision to Student Tracker
 - Autofill demographic info for 2023 Annual Report

Priority: Faculty database, Student Tracker & Annual Report updates,
website update

Faculty database

- will use format similar to Student Tracker
- School has access only to its own faculty info
- ABFSE office can generate reports for internal use
 - e.g. who teaches where?
 - who teaches Embalming?
 - progress to Master's degree?
- Useful for curriculum review

Legal work for ABFSE

- Corporate Charter
- Updated By-Laws

Registered in DC. Operating under 1961 charter.

DC corporate law was updated in 2010

GOALS – assure that we maintain tax-exempt status

satisfy USDE and CHEA for ‘separate and independent status’ of COA

US Department of Education

USDE Recognition Review

- Every 5 years
- Essentially = the ABFSE Self study for the USDE
- USDE recognition is essential for federal financial aid for students
- Accreditors must demonstrate that polices are enforced
(polices are based on USDE requirements)

USDE Complaint policy

- received August 7, 2023
- Incorporate accessibility standards
- Provide plain language guidance
- Allow for confidentiality of complainant

Body Broker legislation

- “Consensual Donation and Research Integrity Act of 2023”

Potential impact on FS Education?

Do you have a donor program?

funeral service education is exempt from some of the components of the proposed legislation, but we must be aware

Coming Soon

- COA meets in Charlotte in October 18-19
- ABFSE Annual Conference – Boston, April 9-12, 2024
 - April 9-10 COA
 - April 10-12 ABFSE committees,
Professional Development, etc.
 - April 12 Annual Meeting

Your questions???

Anatomy textbook ?

- Question was asked 'what are schools doing for an Anatomy text'? after two programs learned that the Professional Training Schools 'Anatomy for Funeral Service' is not currently available.



Responses/suggestions

Michael LuBrant - U of Minnesota:

Human Anatomy 6th With Connect (Inclusive Access)
Author: Mckinley
ISBN: 9781260983746

(Optional Looseleaf) *Human Anatomy*, 6th
Author: Mckinley
ISBN: 9781264260935

Note from bookstore: This inclusive access digital material is available on your course website.
\$98.00 will be charged to your student account.

see: <https://bookstores.umn.edu/course/mort-2171-lec-001-introductory-anatomy-twin-cities-fall-2023>

Another optional resource: *Anatomy Coloring Book*, 4th
Author: Kapit
ISBN: 9780321832016
eTextbook subscription for 120 days.

Howard Beckham – Florida State Jacksonville :

We are using an Open Source free online A&P textbook sections and have designed Learning Units based on the ABFSE Cur. Guidelines