FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION - DEGREE

Restricted Entry, Associate of Applied Science Degree Program
mhcc.edu/FSE

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Accreditation
The Funeral Service Education degree program at Mt. Hood Community College is accredited by:

American Board of Funeral Service Education (http://www.abfse.org) (ABFSE)
992 Mantua Pike
Suite 108
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097
Phone: 816-233-3747

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Funeral Service can be earned by following a prescribed course of instruction, which requires six quarters in residence. Transferring all non-FSE classes from accredited institutions may allow a student to complete his/her professional coursework in a three-quarter sequence, beginning each fall quarter.

Upon graduation from the Funeral Service Program, graduates are qualified to take the National Board Examination (NBE). Most states require that applicants pass the NBE as one condition of receiving a license to practice funeral directing and embalming. National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at American Board of Funeral Service Education's website (http://www.abfse.org/html/dir-guide.html). To request a printed copy of this program's scores and rates, go to room AC1554.

While graduation from high school is not required for admission to MHCC, national accreditation standards require that a high school diploma, or the equivalent, or fifteen college-level credits be on file before the student can be admitted to the Funeral Service Education program.

Admission Requirements
Prospective students must satisfactorily meet admission program criteria and the application deadline to be considered for admission. Application packets are available on our website at mhcc.edu/FSE. Once you have read the application materials, if you have questions about the admission process, you can email LRAdmissions@mhcc.edu.

Criteria for selecting students give priority to those applicants who have apprentice experience. Somewhat less priority is given to those with related work experience. Other criteria give priority to applicants from Oregon, then slightly less priority for Washington, Idaho and Montana applicants. All other states are treated equally. Students from California, Idaho, Nevada and Washington automatically pay in-state tuition.

Program Outcomes
At the completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
- Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
- Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
- Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
- Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
- Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
- Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation, and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
- Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
- Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
- Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.

Note: All Funeral Service Education degree requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. All non-FSE courses must be completed before beginning the fourth quarter of the program.

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<td>BI100 Survey of Body Systems ★</td>
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<td>BI231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ★</td>
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<td>MTH065 Beginning Algebra II ★ (or higher)</td>
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### Third Quarter

**Spring**
- **AC110 or BA211**: General Accounting I or Financial Accounting I (4)
- **FSE124**: Funeral Service Law (4)
- Select one of the following: General, Organic and Biological Chemistry I (4-5 credits)
  - **CH104**: General Chemistry I
  - **CH151**: Basic Chemistry
- Select one of the following: intro to Intercultural Communication (3-4 credits)
  - **COMM100**: Basic Speech Communication
  - **COMM111**: Fundamentals of Public Speaking
  - **COMM115**: Introduction to Intercultural Communication
  - **COMM218**: Interpersonal Communication
  - **COMM219**: Small Group Communication
  - **PSY101**: Psychology of Human Relations

### Fourth Quarter

**Fall**
- All non-FSE courses must be completed before beginning 4th quarter
- **FSE211**: Embalming I (4)
- **FSE215**: Cremation (2)
- **FSE219**: Funeral Service Chemistry (3)
- **FSE221**: Funeral Home Management I (3)
- **FSE225**: Funeral Directing (3)

### Fifth Quarter

**Winter**
- **FSE212**: Embalming II (4)
- **FSE214**: Restorative Art (3)
- **FSE216 or BI234**: Funeral Service Microbiology or Microbiology (3-4)
- **FSE222**: Funeral Home Management II (3)
- **FSE227**: Funeral Service Counseling (3)

### Sixth Quarter

**Spring**
- **FSE213**: Embalming III (3)
- **FSE217**: Funeral Service Pathology (3)
- **FSE240**: Funeral Service Internship (6)
- **FSE245**: Funeral Service Issues (3)

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### Total Credits
- **92-98**

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1. Students may elect to take the internship for three credits (FSE240A Funeral Service Internship) in any two terms, summer, fall, winter or spring.

★ Course offered online