



Des Moines Area Community College
Mortuary Science Program
State Board Survey

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DMACC Mortuary Science Student Professional Activities

As part of Funeral Home-based option of the Des Moines Area Community College Mortuary Science Program, each student must complete the following activities:

- Assist with at least 20 embalming cases
- Assist with the cosmetic application of at least 5 deceased human remains
- Observe or assist with at least 5 funerals or memorial services
- Assist with at least 3 transfers of remains
- Observe or assist with a cremation

All of the activities above must be accomplished in the physical presence of a licensed Funeral Director / Embalmer.

Please answer each of the following questions based upon the laws and rules of your state:

Can a student in an accredited Mortuary Science program assist a funeral director / embalmer with an embalming at a licensed funeral establishment in your state?

- Yes
- No

Can a student in an accredited Mortuary Science program assist a funeral director / embalmer with a transfer of human remains at a licensed funeral establishment in your state?

- Yes
- No

Can a student in an accredited Mortuary Science program observe or assist a funeral professional with a cremation at a cremation establishment in your state?

- Yes
- No

Can a student in an accredited Mortuary Science program observe a funeral director during an arrangement conference at a licensed funeral establishment in your state?

- Yes
- No

Can a student in an accredited Mortuary Science program observe or assist a funeral director during a funeral at a licensed funeral establishment in your state?

- Yes

No

Are there any state law limitations on the activities with which a student in an ABFSE-accredited program can assist or observe? If so, please identify the limitations.

* Students would have to obtain a trainee license in order to assist with any of the above activities.

State Internship

Is an internship required to become a licensed Funeral Director / Embalmer in your state?

- Yes
 No

What is the length of the internship in your state?

* 1 year

Can any part of the internship be completed prior to enrolling in an accredited Mortuary Science program?

- Yes
 No

What portion of the internship (i.e. number of months) can be completed prior to entering an accredited program?

* There are different requirements for Funeral Directors & Embalmers in Alaska. Please see the statutes located here:
<http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/Portals/5/pub/MortuaryStatutes.pdf>

Also looking at the instructions on the applications helps give meaning to the requirements. The various applications are located here:
<http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/Morticians.aspx>

Can any part of the internship be completed while a student is enrolled in an accredited Mortuary Science program?

- Yes
 No

What portion of the internship (i.e. number of months) can be completed while attending an accredited program?

* please see above

State Law Requirements

Are students required to register with your State Board prior to or during enrollment in an accredited Mortuary Science program?

- Yes
 No

Which of the following must be completed for a student enrolled in a Mortuary Science program and completing professional activities in your state?

- State Board Application / Registration
 Enrollment Verification from the Mortuary Science program
 Other

Is passage of the National Board Exam required for licensure in your state?

- Yes

No

Is passage of a State Board Examination required for licensure in your state?

Yes

No

Are the state laws and rules for your state available online? If so, at what web address?

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In addition to an ABFSE-accredited Mortuary Science program, what education is required for students to become licensed as a Funeral Director / Embalmer in your state?

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Are there any other state law limitations, processes or information with which we should be familiar in order to better serve the students in your state?

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