



Des Moines Area Community College
Mortuary Science Program
State Board Survey

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State Board:	* <input type="text" value="Indiana State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Directors"/>	e.g. State Board of Funeral Directors	
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City:	* <input type="text" value="Indianapolis"/>	State: * <input type="text" value="IN"/>	Zip: * <input type="text" value="46204"/>
State Board Website:	* <input type="text" value="www.in.gov/pla/funeral.htm"/>		

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.

*The information you are requesting would be defined in the Indiana Statutes and Rules. It appears most of the questions would be covered under the internship licensing, which would entail that the individual has already completed the education requirement. I would direct you to our website where you will find the answers to the above questions about a student in a mortuary science program. If it is not included in the statutes and rules, then you would need to seek your own legal counsel for further interpretation. The only questions I can provide answers to are below in regards to Internships and State Requirements.

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?

*One year; IC 25-15-4-3(b)(6)

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

- Yes
 No

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

- Yes
 No

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

Indiana Statutes and Rules do not indicate a requirement for a student to enroll. The application for a Funeral Director Intern or Funeral Director is to be completed once the requirements are met.

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?

* Pursuant to Indiana Code, IC 25-15-4-3(b)(4), an applicant must have successfully completed either:
(A) a course of education consisting of:
(i) thirty (30) semester hours or forty-five (45) quarter hours of college level work in a regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution that includes course work in the subjects of English, humanities, science, business, and other electives that apply toward a baccalaureate degree from the postsecondary educational institution; and
(ii) four (4) academic quarters or the equivalent in an accredited college, school, or department of mortuary science approved by the board; or
(B) a twenty-one (21) month program in an accredited college, school, or department of mortuary science approved by the board;

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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