



**Des Moines Area Community College**  
**Mortuary Science Program**  
State Board Survey

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City:	<input type="text" value="* Spearfish"/>	State: <input type="text" value="* SD"/>	Zip: <input type="text" value="* 57783"/>
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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.

\*20:45:03:02.01. Mortuary student trainee. Any student enrolled in a course of study from a college of mortuary science accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, Inc. may perform the same duties as a trainee if the student provides, to the board, proof of enrollment in an accredited course of study and of obtaining a mortuary student certificate to practice as a mortuary student trainee. This practice does not apply toward the 12 months of traineeship as required by § 20:45:03:02 but may apply to the student's education.

## 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

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?

\*All 12 months

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?

\*The internship must be full time; 2080 hours so if school is able to be done at same time that is acceptable

## 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?**

\* 60 additional hours from an accredited college or university with coursework in each of the following; communications, social science, natural science, business and electives.

**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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