



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.

*An affiliation agreement must be in place between the school and the funeral director / funeral home.

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?

*The apprenticeship may be completed in part or in whole prior to enrolling in an accredited Mortuary Science program. If the apprenticeship is started before school, it is suspended during the time in school and the apprentice will pick up at the time and cases after school to complete the apprenticeship. If this is done, the apprentice must continue the apprenticeship during the schooling, but cannot count any cases or time during the schooling.

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

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?

- b Yes
- e 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?

* A student must have:
a. A bachelor's degree in Mortuary Science;
b. 60 credits toward a bachelor's degree in a declared field or major; or
c. an Associate degree,
IN ADDITION TO the completion of at least 1 year at an accredited Mortuary Science Program.

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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