

Embalmer's Certificate (FSE6) - Program Fact Sheet

This certificate is designed for students planning to practice in South Carolina only.

Students must be currently working at a funeral home to be eligible for this certificate

Students not working in a funeral home will need to change their major to FSEP or FSE7

Students must be at least 18 years old and able to pass a background check to get a student permit

Requirements:

- Signed Student Employment Verification Form documenting current funeral home employment
- Students must contact the Funeral Service Department at 864-941-8774 for advising and registration.
- Register and attend in-person classes in sequential order. Only fall and spring offer 1st-semester classes.
 - 1st semester: AHS 102 (if needed), FSE 112, FSE 213
 - 2nd semester: FSE 225, FSE 240
 - 3rd semester: FSE 226, FSE 241

Program Location and Duration:

- Greenwood, SC Campus
- Three (3) consecutive semesters after program admission
- Classes and labs meet two (2) consecutive days a week, in person, during the day

Program Notes:

- After completing the Embalmer's Certificate – FSE6, you are eligible to sit for the NBE Science exam.
- This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is **not** accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program will not have the academic credential for licensure in states where graduation from an ABFSE-accredited program is required.
- The courses in this program will prepare students to take the NBE Science Exam. Other states may accept this certificate. Potential students should check with the state where they're interested in working before enrolling.
- Excellent reading comprehension, communication, and critical thinking skills are vital for program success and for passing any licensing exams.
- FSE students must complete all General Education and FSE courses with grades of "C" or better. Students may repeat FSE courses one time to achieve a grade of "C" or better.
- All transfer courses from another mortuary college will need to be approved by the PTC Funeral Service Education department.
- Students will not be registered into any FSE courses within 10 business days of the start of any semester unless all their paperwork is complete.
- Students must be actively working in a funeral home. If space becomes limited in our on-campus lab, a student may have to complete their required ten embalming cases at that funeral home location.
- Students should review the Embalmer's Certificate webpages for more details: [Embalmer's Certificate](#)
- Most states require an apprenticeship to become licensed. These apprenticeships can be between 1-2 years. In South Carolina, the apprenticeship is 2 years. Students should contact the state funeral board where they plan to practice for more information. (Suggestion for obtaining an apprenticeship: visit funeral homes in person, dressed ready to work, and ask if they have an opening. If not, try to get a different position so you are already an employee if a spot opens. Follow up in person regularly.)