Funeral Service Curriculum

Program Overview

The Funeral Service Education program provides the educational foundation needed to seek a South Carolina or other state licensure, both as a funeral director and an embalmer.

A.A.S., Major in Funeral Service - FSR3

The Funeral Service Program at Piedmont Technical College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 3414 Ashland Avenue, Suite G, St. Joseph, MO 64506, (816) 223-3747, www.abfse.org

National Board Examination scores, graduation rates and employment rates, for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. To request a printed copy of this program’s scores and rates, go to room 114V or by email at: martin.d@ptc.edu, or by telephone: (864) 941-8774.

Acceptance into the Funeral Service Education program is competitive and has a set number that will be admitted.

Applications are available through the Funeral Service Department.

Students entering the Funeral Service Education program must be aware of the following:

1. All students are encouraged to take the National Board Exam before graduating.

2. The South Carolina Board of Funeral Service may refuse to issue or renew a license or student permit to an individual with a conviction of a felony or a crime involving fraud or moral turpitude. Pending criminal charges or convictions may make the student ineligible for a Student Permit. If you fail to receive your Student Permit, you will be dropped from the program.

3. All students must have a valid driver’s license to be accepted in the Funeral Service Education program.

Health Requirements: Students enrolled in Funeral Service Education courses are required to provide evidence of annual tuberculosis screenings and evidence of vaccination against tetanus within the last 10 years. Students shall have on file prior to entry into the practicum courses or clinical work one or more of the following: Hepatitis B virus (HBV) immunization record or antibody titer showing a positive antigen response to HBV.

GENERAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Aims: Piedmont Technical College and the Funeral Service Education program have as its central aim recognition of the importance of Funeral Service Education personnel as:

- members of a human services profession;
- members of the community in which they serve;
- participants in the relationship between bereaved families and those engaged in the funeral service profession; professionals knowledgeable of and compliant with federal, state, provincial/territorial and local regulatory guidelines in the geographic area where they practice as well as
- professionals sensitive to the responsibility for public health, safety and welfare in caring for human remains.

Objectives:

- To enlarge the background and knowledge of students about the funeral service profession.

- To educate students in every phase of funeral service and to help enable them to develop proficiency and skills necessary for the profession, as defined in the Preamble at the beginning of this chapter;

- To educate students concerning the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to the community at large.

- To emphasize high standards of ethical conduct.

- To provide a curriculum at the postsecondary level of instruction.

- To encourage student and faculty research in the field of funeral service.
Students are not eligible to participate in the practicum or clinical works until this information is completed and on file.

**Transportation to Practicum Sites:** Each student is responsible for transportation to and from any practicum or clinical sites.

**Attendance Requirements:** Students are expected to attend all practicum activities. Make-up time for missed practicum experiences will be determined at the discretion of the faculty and availability of practicum facilities.

Please contact the FSE department for start times and admittance deadlines. If you have previous college credits with a “C” or better in ACC 101, CPT 101, MGT 120, BUS 121, ENG 101 and MAT 102 you may be eligible to complete the Associate Degree program in one year (3 semesters) The FSE Department has full details about this option.

**Funeral Service Associate Degree - FSR3**

**FIRST SEMESTER**
- ACC 101 Accounting Principles I ..................................... 3.0
- CPT 101 Introduction to Computers ..................................... 3.0
- ENG 101 English Composition I ...................................... 3.0
- FSE 215 Funeral Services Directing .................................. 3.0

**SECOND SEMESTER**
- BUS 121 Business Law ...................................................... 3.0
- MGT 120 Small Business Management .................................. 3.0
- FSE 101 Introduction to Funeral Services ........................... 2.0
- FSE 165 Sociology of Funeral Services ............................... 2.0
- FSE 210 Funeral Service Management and Merchandising II .... 3.0

**THIRD SEMESTER**
- FSE 205 Funeral Counseling ............................................ 4.0
- FSE 220 Regulatory Compliance ........................................ 3.0
- MAT 102 Intermediate Algebra ........................................ 3.0

**FOURTH SEMESTER**
- AHS 102 Medical Terminology ......................................... 3.0
- BIO 112 Basic Anatomy and Physiology .............................. 4.0
- CHM 106 Contemporary Chemistry I .................................. 4.0
- FSE 213 Microbiology and Pathology for Funeral Service ......... 4.0

**FIFTH SEMESTER**
- FSE 225 Principles of Embalming I .................................... 2.0
- FSE 240 Restorative Art I .................................................. 2.0
- FSE 216 Funeral Directing II ............................................ 3.0
- Elective Humanities/Fine Arts .......................................... 3.0

**SIXTH SEMESTER**
- FSE 226 Principles of Embalming II .................................... 2.0
- FSE 241 Restorative Art II ............................................... 2.0
- FSE 211 Funeral Service Management and Merchandising II ... 2.0
- FSE 300 National Board Preparations ................................ 2.0

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 68.0**

**Funeral Service Education Certificate - FSR7**

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 are not eligible to take the National Board Examination, or any state Board Examination for which graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required. Please contact the FSE department for start times.

**FIRST SEMESTER**
- CPT 101 Introduction to Computers ..................................... 3.0
- ACC 101 Accounting Principles I ..................................... 3.0
- FSE 215 Funeral Services Directing .................................. 3.0

**SECOND SEMESTER**
- BUS 121 Business Law ...................................................... 3.0
- MGT 120 Small Business Management .................................. 3.0
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**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 35.0**

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