Certificate in Funeral Service

UCO Code: 621

I. General Courses ........................................................................................................... 27

The following courses:
ACCT 2223 Survey of Accounting OR
ACCT 2113 Accounting I
HLTH 1112 Healthy Life Skills
ENG 1113 English Composition
ENG 1213 English Composition and Research
MCOM 1113 Fundamentals of Speech
BIO 1114 General Biology OR
BIO 1214 General Biology and Lab
CHEM 1014 Introduction to Chemistry and Lab
PSY 1103 General Psychology
* FNRL 4522 Board Review

II. Basic Sciences ........................................................................................................... 11

The following courses:
BIO 2314 Introduction to Microbiology and Lab
FNRL 2214 Intro Human Anatomy and Dissection
FNRL 3433 Introduction to Pathology

III. Mortuary Arts and Sciences ....................................................................................... 20

The following courses:
FNRL 3054 Embalming Chemistry
FNRL 3204 Embalming
FNRL 3304 Restorative Art
* FNRL 4118 Practicum in Embalming and Funeral Directing

IV. Mortuary Administration ............................................................................................ 27

The following courses:
FNRL 1211 Orientation to Funeral Service
FNRL 2313 Contemporary Funeral Service
FNRL 3374 Funeral Home Management I
FNRL 3383 Funeral Home Statutory Law
FNRL 3393 Mortuary Jurisprudence
FNRL 3493 Funeral Service Communication
FNRL 3513 History of Funeral Directing
FNRL 4214 Funeral Home Management II
FNRL 3483 Psychology of Grief

* Must be taken concurrently during a student’s final semester.

Total hours required ......................................................................................................... 85

The above course work meets licensing examination requirements in many states. Additional college hours of credit are required for Oklahoma funeral directing and embalming licensure. Students should check with their home state for specific requirements. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 must be earned in all work applicable to the program. A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in all Funeral Service major courses. Students must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours credit in residence at the University of Central Oklahoma, including 15 hours in residence at UCO of the final 30 hours applied toward the certificate program.

The American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), the national accreditation agency for all schools of mortuary education, has implemented a new criterion for all graduates. As of January 2004, all graduating seniors must take the National Board Examination as a requirement for the Funeral Service Certificate. The annual passage rate of first-time takers on the National Board Examination (NBE) for the most recent three-year period for this institution and all ABFSE accredited funeral service education programs is posted on the ABFSE website (www.abfse.org).