EMBALMER'S CERTIFICATE - FSE6

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.

This certificate is designed for individuals working in South Carolina. For additional information on state licensure eligibility, check the state licensure disclosure information website: https://www.ptc.edu/about/legal-disclosures/state-licensure-eligibility (https://www.ptc.edu/about/legal-disclosures/state-licensure-eligibility/).

In order to complete the Embalmer's Certificate, you must provide proof that you are currently working at a funeral home. Your practicum portion will be completed on campus. In rare cases, you may have to complete your practicum in a funeral home. If so, the practicum must be completed under the direct supervision of the licensed embalmer at the funeral home. Therefore, we must have confirmation from the owner/manager granting you permission to complete your ten (10) practicum cases at the location.

Contact the FSE department for full details and start times.

Requirements

Courses	Course Title	Credit Hours
Required Course Information		
AHS 102	Medical Terminology	3
FSE 112	Anatomy and Physiology for Funeral Services	3
FSE 213	Microbiology and Pathology for Funeral Service	3
FSE 225	Principles of Embalming I	3
FSE 226	Principles of Embalming II	3
FSE 240	Restorative Art I	3
FSE 241	Restorative Art II	3
Subtotal		21
Total Hours		**21**

Graduation Plan

Fall Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
AHS 102	Medical Terminology	3
FSE 112	Anatomy and Physiology for Funeral Services	3
FSE 213	Microbiology and Pathology for Funeral Service	3
	Hours	**9**
Spring Semester		
FSE 225	Principles of Embalming I	3
FSE 240	Restorative Art I	3
	Hours	**6**
Summer Semester		
FSE 226	Principles of Embalming II	3
FSE 241	Restorative Art II	3
	Hours	**6**
	Total Hours	**21**

Spring Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Spring Semester		
AHS 102	Medical Terminology	3
FSE 112	Anatomy and Physiology for Funeral Services	3
FSE 213	Microbiology and Pathology for Funeral Service	3
	Hours	**9**
Summer Semester		
FSE 225	Principles of Embalming I	3
FSE 240	Restorative Art I	3
	Hours	**6**
Fall Semester		
FSE 226	Principles of Embalming II	3
FSE 241	Restorative Art II	3
	Hours	**6**
	Total Hours	**21**

Application and Advising

If you are ready to start your education, there are a few simple steps involved in enrolling at Piedmont Technical College.

Get Started Today (https://www.ptc.edu/admissions/new-students/)

Advising Information

The following information provides a guide for advisors who are helping students enroll in this program.

Students pursuing the Embalmer's Certificate should contact the Funeral Service Department or their academic advisor.

Program Fact Sheet

Fact Sheets are designed for students and advisors to review program-specific requirements. Please make an appointment with your advisor to discuss your academic goals and progress, and to develop your individualized academic plan.

Review the Fact Sheet (https://www.ptc.edu/sites/default/files/documents/new_healthcare_documents/fse6-factsheet.pdf)

Program Notes

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The courses in this program will prepare students to take the National Board Science Exam. Other states may accept this certificate. For additional information on state licensure eligibility, check the state licensure disclosure information website: https://www.ptc.edu/about/legal-disclosures/state-licensure-eligibility (https://www.ptc.edu/about/legal-disclosures/state-licensure-eligibility/).

Excellent reading comprehension, communication and critical thinking skills are vital for program success and for passing any State Examining Board 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.

Program Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Funeral Service Education Embalmer's Certificate is to educate and prepare individuals not only to contribute to the funeral service profession, but also to the community in which they serve. We strive to give the students the knowledge, principles and skills essential to become an embalmer.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
2. Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
3. Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
4. Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
5. Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.