

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATE - FSE7

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Please contact the FSE department for start times.

Requirements

Courses	Course Title	Credit Hours
Required Course Information		
ACC 101	Accounting Principles I	3
CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3
FSE 101	Introduction to Funeral Services	2
FSE 165	Sociology of Funeral Service	2
FSE 205	Funeral Counseling	3
FSE 210	Funeral Service Management and Merchandising I	3
FSE 215	Funeral Service Directing	3
FSE 220	Regulatory Compliance	3
MGT 120	Small Business Management	3
Subtotal		25
Total Hours		25

Graduation Plan

Fall Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3
FSE 101	Introduction to Funeral Services	2
FSE 165	Sociology of Funeral Service	2
FSE 215	Funeral Service Directing	3
MGT 120	Small Business Management	3
Hours		13
Spring Semester		
ACC 101	Accounting Principles I	3
FSE 205	Funeral Counseling	3
FSE 210	Funeral Service Management and Merchandising I	3
FSE 220	Regulatory Compliance	3
Hours		12
Total Hours		25

Spring Start

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Spring Semester		
CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3
FSE 101	Introduction to Funeral Services	2
FSE 165	Sociology of Funeral Service	2
FSE 215	Funeral Service Directing	3
MGT 120	Small Business Management	3
Hours		13
Summer Semester		
ACC 101	Accounting Principles I	3
FSE 205	Funeral Counseling	3
FSE 210	Funeral Service Management and Merchandising I	3
FSE 220	Regulatory Compliance	3
Hours		12
Total Hours		25

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 Funeral Director's Certificate should contact the Funeral Service Department or their academic advisor.

Program Notes

After completing the Funeral Director's Certificate – FSE7, South Carolina residence are eligible to sit for the South Carolina Funeral Director's state examination. Student pursuing the Funeral Director's Certificate should meet with Dedrick Gantt, Nancy Wilkie, or David Martin for advisement unless they require developmental or transitional coursework prior to beginning the FSE courses.

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The courses in this program will prepare students to take the SC Funeral Directors' Exam. North Carolina also accepts this certificate. Other states may accept this certificate. Potential students should check with other states before enrolling, if they plan to work there.

All certificate courses are offered online.

If placement test scores determine that a student is not ready to take college-level courses, he or she should enroll in the appropriate

developmental or transitional coursework. All of these prerequisite courses may not be available online.

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.

Program Purpose Statement

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

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
2. Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
3. Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
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5. Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
6. Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
7. Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.