

# Mortuary Science

Helping people in their time of need.

If you are compassionate, detail-oriented and an excellent communicator, Mortuary Science could be a fulfilling career for you. Morticians and funeral directors provide a calm voice, high levels of sensitivity and strong organizational skills to help families through their most difficult time, the death of a loved one. Funeral service professionals serve families by:

- Providing professional care of the deceased
- Coordinating funeral ceremonies
- Preparing necessary legal documents
- Arranging for burial or cremation

## WHY SLCC?

This program offers you:

- Interactive classroom curriculum
- Personalized attention
- State-of-the-art labs and facilities
- Professionally-licensed faculty with extensive experience in the profession
- Clinical training in licensed local funeral homes

Career opportunities include:

- Funeral Director
- Embalmer
- Grief Facilitator
- Pre-Need Funeral Sales
- Funeral Home Ownership and Management
- Cemetery Management

An interest in biology, anatomy, physiology, art, chemistry, ethics, law and business are important to succeed in the rigorous Mortuary Science curriculum.

To view the Mortuary Science program aims and purpose, core schedule and National Board Exam pass rate, please visit: [slcc.edu/mortuaryscience](http://slcc.edu/mortuaryscience)



The Mortuary Science Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree provides general, technical and clinical education to students entering careers in funeral service. The program prepares students to take the National Board Exam. As a graduate, you can then apply for licensure in the state in which you will work. Salt Lake Community College is the only college in Utah to offer an AAS degree in Mortuary Science. The program serves students from Utah, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Wyoming.

*The Mortuary Science degree program at Salt Lake Community College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE): 992 Mantau Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 Phone: 816-233-3747 Website: [abfse.org](http://abfse.org)*

*Faculty and students in the Salt Lake Community College Mortuary Science Program will display professional and ethical behavior at all times. Program faculty and students shall:*

- *Demonstrate concern for the well-being and safety of the recipients of their services.*
- *Refrain from actions that cause harm.*
- *Display respect towards the deceased, their family, peers, the mortuary, and the program.*
- *Keep personal information about the deceased, their family, and peers confidential.*
- *Provide service in a fair and equitable manner.*
- *Comply with institutional rules, local, state, federal, and international laws.*
- *Treat colleagues and other professionals with respect, fairness, discretion, and integrity.*
- *Remain compassionate and respect the feelings of those they serve.*
- *Be honest and truthful in their actions.*

## CAREERS & SALARY

Statewide Median Average Hourly Wage: **\$19.59**

[jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov)

## LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Four semesters (*not including prerequisite credit hours*)

50 Program Credits  
17 Prerequisite Credits

**67 Total Credits**

## PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$11,000 including Regular Tuition and Fees:

[slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx](http://slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx)

## MORE INFORMATION

Division of Health Professions  
801-957-6200

Academic Advisor  
801-957-6215

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## ADMISSION PROCESS

- Be admitted to SLCC as a matriculated student.
- Request an **official evaluation** of transcripts and submit to the SLCC Incoming Transcript Office, if applicable.
- Application information including prerequisites and transcripts can be found at: [slcc.edu/hs/admissions](http://slcc.edu/hs/admissions)

## PREREQUISITES

Note: Prerequisite courses can be in progress when submitting an application, but all prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better **before** starting the Mortuary Science Program.

- Any composition course (EN)(3) – ENGL 1010 with APA referencing recommended
- MATH 1010 Integrated Algebra (QS)(4) or higher – MATH 1030 recommended
- Any life science course (LS)(4) – BIOL 1610/1615 Lecture/Lab recommended
- Any communication course (CM)(3) – COMM 1010, COMM 1020 or COMM 2110 recommended
- Mort 1010 Intro to Mortuary Science (3)

\*In addition, the following courses may be completed prior to acceptance into the Mortuary Science Program:

- ACCT 1250 Small Business Accounting (2)
- MGT 2050 Legal Environment of Business (3)
- HS 2050 Cultural, Legal & Ethical Issues for the Health Sciences

### OR

- MKTG 1960 Professionalism in Business

See application deadlines. It is the student's responsibility to examine each course description for details of other prerequisite classes.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

During the course of the program, students will actively participate in embalming and restorative art procedures of deceased humans through lab sessions at the school and by being placed in a funeral home off-site. Students will be responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites.

Research projects in the field of funeral service will be required. Courses will run four consecutive semesters. After completion, students will be prepared for licensure in the state where they wish to work. The Mortuary Science program is designed to give students the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to acquire entry-level positions in the funeral service profession and to encourage research in the field of funeral service.

## THE CURRICULUM

- One cohort of 25 students is admitted every spring semester.
- Accepted students must take the Mortuary Science courses in the order outlined in the curriculum.
- To graduate from the program, the student must obtain a C grade or better for all program courses.
- Students may come in contact with blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases. All students in the program must follow proper OSHA procedures and practice universal precautions.
- Accepted students must complete program required immunizations and certifications before fieldwork placements.
- Accepted students are required to attend the mandatory new student orientation day.



Visit the Mortuary Science website for more information at: [slcc.edu/mortuaryscience](http://slcc.edu/mortuaryscience)

SEMESTER I (SPRING)	SEMESTER II (SUMMER)	SEMESTER III (FALL)	SEMESTER IV (SPRING)
<b>MORT 1100 (3)</b> Grief, Death & Dying	<b>MORT 1300 (2)</b> Pathology for Funeral Service	<b>MORT 2330 (3)</b> Funeral Service Psych/Counsel	<b>MORT 2700 (3)</b> Mortuary Law & Ethics
<b>MORT 1200 (3)</b> Microbiological Studies	<b>MORT 1400 (3)</b> Embalming I	<b>MORT 2400 (3)</b> Embalming II	<b>MORT 2730 (4)</b> Funeral Home Mgmt.
<b>MORT 1500 (3)</b> Anatomic Principles for Mort. Sci.	<b>MORT 1405 (1)</b> Embalming I Lab	<b>MORT 2405 (1)</b> Embalming II Lab	<b>MORT 2750 (4)</b> Funeral Directing
<b>*HS 2050 (HR)(3)</b> Cultural, Legal & Ethical Issues for the Health Sciences  <b>OR</b> <b>*MKTG 1960 (HR)(3)</b> Professionalism in Business	<b>MORT 1600 (2)</b> Thanatochemistry	<b>MORT 2600 (3)</b> Restorative Art	<b>MORT 2755 (1)</b> Funeral Directing Lab
	<b>*MGT 2050 (3)</b> Legal Environment of Business	<b>MORT 2605 (1)</b> Restorative Art Lab	<b>MORT 2770 (2)</b> NBE Professional Review
		<b>*ACCT 1250 (2)</b> Small Business Accounting	
<b>12 CREDITS</b>	<b>11 CREDITS</b>	<b>13 CREDITS</b>	<b>14 CREDITS</b>