

## Mortuary Science Program—Licensure Information

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The Mortuary Science associate degree program at **Salt Lake Community College** is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, [Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097](#) (816) 233-3747.

Web: [www.abfse.org](http://www.abfse.org).

The SLCC Mortuary Science program has excellent graduation rates and exam pass rates. More effectiveness data for the SLCC Funeral Service associate degree program is available [here](#).

As a part of the SLCC Mortuary Science program, students prepare to take the [National Board Examination \(NBE\)](#), offered by the [International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards \(ICFSEB\)](#). The ICFSEB also offers Laws Rules and Regulations Exam (LRR) based on various states' laws. Some states may require the LRR exam. In some states, only the LRR exam is required, and in a few others, both the NBE and the LRR exams are required. Check out the website for optional exam study guides and exam registration information:

- [National Board Exam \(NBE\)](#)
- [Laws Rules and Regulations Exam \(LRR\)](#)

Financial aid may not be available for students located in states where SLCC does NOT meet the educational requirements for licensure. Students who plan to seek employment in Iowa, Michigan, or Minnesota after graduation are advised to **take Face-to-Face in-person classes** their first semester at SLCC to avoid impacting their Title IV Financial Aid Status. States where SLCC Does NOT Meet educational requirements for initial licensure: Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota

Individual states can have unique licensure requirements, independent of SLCC graduation requirements. It is highly recommended that students consult in advance with the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL), or similar agencies in other states, to find out more about eligibility for licensure. DOPL can be reached at 801-530-6628 or at their [website](#). Information about Funeral Service Director licensure requirements in Utah is available [here](#).

### Utah Licensure Fees (As of 2/6/2024. Fees can change at any time.)

Funeral Director DOPL Licensure Application Fee	\$160
NBE-Arts section and	\$285
NBE Sciences section	\$285
Utah Funeral Services Law and Rule Examination.	\$78

This document reviews state licensure requirements for Funeral Directors, Embalmers, and Funeral Directors/Embalmers. Job titles for these positions can vary from state to state. Other licensed positions may also be available in some states. Some states also require business licenses, in addition to professional licensure. Licensure requirements not listed in this document include licensure fees, criminal background checks, disclosure of professional disciplinary actions, or other unique state requirements. Please review the state licensure board for additional information.

If you have difficulty finding the licensure requirements for your state, please contact your academic advisor or SLCC's [state authorization office](#) for help.

### States and Territories Does the SLCC Mortuary Science Program meet degree requirements in this state?

This list was last updated 2/6/2024. Requirements may have changed since the last update. Please [email](#) for more information.

Alabama

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Alabama Board of Funeral Service](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 309522, Montgomery, AL 36130. Phone: 334-242-4049. Email: [info@fsb.alabama.gov](mailto:info@fsb.alabama.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Statutory Laws](#) (PDF). Section 34-13-50. Board Recognition of Schools and Colleges.

**Apprentice Registration:**

- Apprentice applicants must apply through the Board.
- Apprentices must be over the age of 18.
- Apprentices must hold a high school certificate or the equivalent.

**Funeral Director:**

- Associate Degree, Mortuary Sciences.
- Exams: NBE (Arts) and NBE (Science) **and** LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for two years in Alabama. 40 case reports required.

**Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree, Mortuary Sciences
- Exams: NBE (Science) **and** LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for two years in Alabama. 40 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- Applicants asked about US Citizenship status.

Alaska

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Mortuary Science](#)

**Contact:** PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Phone: 907-465-2050. Email: [Morticians@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Morticians@Alaska.Gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Statutes and Regulations](#). Sec. 08.42.050. Qualifications for license to practice mortuary science. Sec. 08.42.085. Qualifications for trainees.

**Embalmer/Funeral Director Trainee Permit:**

- Trainees must be is at least 18 years of age.
- Trainees must apply for a permit.

**Funeral Director:**

- 30 semester hours from accredited college/university.
- Exams: NBE (Arts) and state law examination required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship can be served anytime in Alaska under the supervision of an Alaska-licensed funeral director. 24 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are asked about possible criminal convictions.

**Embalmer:**

- Degree from accredited program of mortuary science.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served in Alaska under the supervision of an Alaska-licensed embalmer. 24 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

America Samoa

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** American Samoa Health Services Regulatory Board Department of Health

**Contact:** American Samoa Health Services Regulatory Board Department of Health, Pago Pago, AS 96799, phone: 684-633-1222

**Accreditation:**

**Statutes:**

**Additional Information:**

- America Samoa does not license Funeral Directors/Embalmers at this time.

## Arizona

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for licensure.

**Board:** [Arizona Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers](#)

**Contact:** 1740 West Adams St., Suite 3006, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Phone: 602-542-3095. [Online contact form.](#)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Statutes and Rules](#). 32-1322. Embalmers and funeral directors; qualifications for licensure.

### Intern License:

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicant must have graduated from mortuary science school.
- Applicant must be employed by a licensed funeral home.

### Funeral Director:

- Exams: NBE (Arts), LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship in Arizona. 25 case reports required.

### Embalmer:

- Exams: NBE (Science), LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served in Arizona. 25 case reports required.

### Additional Information:

- High school graduation or GED required.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- Applicants must submit a Citizen/Nationalization Status form.
- Out-of-state professionals must be licensed and be in good standing for at least one year in home state to be eligible to apply for licensure in Arizona.
- [Full list of license requirements.](#)

## Arkansas

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Embalmers, Funeral Directors & Burial Association](#)

**Contact:** 1 Commerce Way, Suite 502, Little Rock, AR 72202-2087. Phone: 501-682-0574. Email: [AID.EFD@arkansas.gov](mailto:AID.EFD@arkansas.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Rules & Regulations](#). Section 9. Examinations/Licensure.

### Apprenticeship:

- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent. Applicants must be 18 years old.
- Supervisor from licensed funeral home must submit a “Determination of Apprenticeship” form.

### Funeral Director:

- High School Graduation/GED required.
- Exam: LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Arkansas. 50 case reports required.
- Out-of-state applicants must have a current, valid license in another state, and must pass the LRR exam.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

### Embalmer:

- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Arkansas. 50 case reports required.
- Out-of-state applicants must have a current, valid license in another state, and must pass the LRR exam.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

### Funeral Director/Embalmer:

- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in Arkansas. 50 & 50 case reports required.
- Out-of-state applicants must have a current, valid license in another state, and must pass the LRR exam.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
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## California

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [California Department of Consumer Affairs, Cemetery and Funeral Bureau](#)

**Contact:** 1625 N. Market Blvd, Ste. S-208, Sacramento, CA 95834-1924. Phone: 916-574-7870

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Article 2. Funeral Establishments and Directors](#). 7619.

### **Apprentice Embalmer Registration:**

- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Must submit one of the following: high school transcript, evidence of licensure for a minimum of three years in another state or country, OR graduation from an ABFSE-accredited mortuary science program of study.
- A designed managing funeral director and supervisor must sign the application.

### **Funeral Director:**

- Associate degree in any field required.
- Exam: LRR required.
- [Full list of requirements](#).

### **Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science required.
- Exams: NBE (Science) and LRR required.
- Applicants required to be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in California for two years. 100 case reports required.
- [Full list of requirements](#).

### **Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

## Colorado

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements.

**Board:** [Colorado Funeral Director Association](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 631664, Highlands Ranch, CO 80163-1664. Phone: 303-791-2336. Email: [mail@cofda.org](mailto:mail@cofda.org)

**Statutes:** [Regulations](#).

### **General Information:**

- Colorado does not require licensure for individual practitioners. Colorado requires annual registration for funeral establishments and crematories. Funeral directors and embalmers must be employed by licensed establishments.
- Optional Colorado Funeral Service Board Credential [information](#). SLCC Mortuary Science graduates meet the educational requirements for optional certification in Colorado.
- The minimum requirement to practice funeral services in Colorado is a high school diploma or equivalent.

## Connecticut

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 410 Capital Ave MS #13PHO, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0438. Phone: 860-509-7603, Menu Option 6.

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Sec. 20-224. Employment of assistants and registered apprentices.](#) Apprentice registration.

**Embalmer Apprentice Permit:**

- Applicants must be graduates with an associate degree in mortuary science from an ABFSE-accredited program.
- Exams: NBE (Arts and Science). Applicants must complete a practical exam.
- Applicants must obtain an apprenticeship under the supervision of a licensed embalmer.

**Embalmer/Funeral Director:**

- Connecticut **ALSO requires applicants hold a bachelor's degree** from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. Must include [6 semester hours in content related to funeral services.](#)
- Exams: NBE and LRR required. CT also requires a [practical examination.](#)
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in CT. 50 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Full list of requirements.](#)

Delaware

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Delaware Board of Funeral Services](#)

**Contact:** Canon Building, Ste 203, 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904-2467. Phone: 302-744-4500. Email: [customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov](mailto:customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Licensing Laws.](#) 3100 Board of Funeral Services. 2.0 Licensure Requirements.

**Resident Intern:**

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicant must have received an associate degree or equivalent in mortuary science from an ABFSE-accredited program.
- Applicants must submit a Statement of Sponsor signed by the supervisor.
- [Additional information.](#)

**Funeral Director:**

- No degree requirement in Delaware.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Applicants must complete a one-year Delaware Resident Internship (25 case reports/4 quarterly reports) OR hold a Funeral Director license in another jurisdiction AND have practiced as a funeral director for at least 3 of the past 5 years.
- Applicants who hold licensure in other jurisdictions should submit a Licensure Verification directly to the board.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- Applicants must pass a State Examination. [Examinations page.](#)

District of Columbia

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [DC Board of Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 1100 4th St., SW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20024. Phone: 202-442-4320. Email: [opla.funeraldirectors@dc.gov](mailto:opla.funeraldirectors@dc.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [3002 LICENSURE AS A FUNERAL DIRECTOR BY EXAMINATION.](#) 3002.1

**Apprentice Funeral Director:**

- Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicants must be graduates or currently enrolled in an accredited school of mortuary science.
- Applicants must pass an DC Apprentice Funeral Director Exam.

- Applicants must submit a Funeral Director Supervisory Form completed by licensed funeral director.

**Funeral Director:**

- Graduate from an accredited 2-year mortuary science program leading to an Associate Degree.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship. Conduct at least 25 funerals and embalm at least 25 human remains.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Florida

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services](#)

**Contact:** 200 E. Gaines St, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0361. Phone: 850-413-3039. [Online contact form.](#)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:**

**Embalmer Intern:**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalents.
- Applicants must have completed an ABFSE-accredited mortuary science program.
- Supervising licensed embalmer must sign the application form.

**Funeral Director Intern:**

- Applicants must have a 2- or 4-year college degree with a major in Funeral Services, accredited by the ABFSE. OR applicants must be enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college degree with a major in Funeral Services, accredited by the ABFSE.
- Supervising licensed funeral director must sign the application form.

**Funeral Director:**

- Bachelor's or Associate Degree in Mortuary Science or other.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in Florida.
- Applicants must provide the Division with the course completion slip for a two-hour Communicable Disease Course by an approved Florida provider. More info: 850-413-3039.

**Embalmer:**

- Bachelor's Degree or Associate Degree in Mortuary Science or other.
- Exams: NBE (Science) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Florida.
- Applicants must provide the Division with the course completion slip for a two-hour Communicable Disease Course by an approved Florida provider. More info: 850-413-3039.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Bachelor's or Associate Degree in Mortuary Science or other.
- Exams: NBE (Science and Art) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in Florida.
- Applicants must provide the Division with the course completion slip for a two-hour Communicable Disease Course by an approved Florida provider. More info: 850-413-3039.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

Georgia

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Georgia Board of Funeral Service](#)

**Contact:** 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. Phone: 404-424-9966. Email: [cemeteries@sos.ga.gov](mailto:cemeteries@sos.ga.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Rule 250-4-.02 Apprentice Registration. Amended](#)

**Funeral Service Apprentice:**

- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Applicants must submit an Affidavit of Citizenship.
- Application must be signed by the Employer. A Supervisor Affidavit must be submitted.

**Embalmer:**

- Exam: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Georgia. Applicant must have completed a minimum of 3,120 hours of service, and no less than 18 months, as an apprentice. 50 case reports required.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Exam: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Georgia. Applicant must have completed a minimum of 3,120 hours of service, and no less than 18 months, as an apprentice. 50 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Guam

**Determination:** MEETS the education requirement.

**Board:**

**Contact:** 194 Hernan Cortez Ave, Ste 213,  
Hagatna, GU 96910-5052, phone: 671.735.74009 ex.12

**Accreditation:**

**Statutes:** [Guam Board of Nurse Examiners, 25-6-6303 \(A\)\(d\)\(4\)](#) and [10 GCA Health and Safety 30-2-30202](#) (PDF)

**Funeral Practitioner:**

- Guam does not license Funeral Directors/Embalmers at this time.

Hawaii

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for licensure.

**Board:** [Hawaii Cemetery and Pre-Need Funeral Authority Program](#)

**Contact:** PO Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801. Phone: 808-586-2698. Email: [cemetery@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:cemetery@dcca.hawaii.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [11-24-4 Embalming and Embalmers](#).

**Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree, Mortuary Science
- Exam: NBE (Science) required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Idaho

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Idaho Board of Mortician](#)

**Contact:** 11351 W. Chinden Blvd, Building #6., Boise ID 83714. Phone: 208-334-3233. Email: [mor@dopl.idaho.gov](mailto:mor@dopl.idaho.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [54-1112. REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENT TRAINEE LICENSE](#).

**Resident Trainee License:**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Must be a resident of Idaho.
- Applicants must have graduated from an accredited high school or equivalent.



- Supervising Mortician must certify the application form.

**Funeral Director:**

- 60 semester or 90 quarter hours from accredited college, plus at least 15 semester hours from ABFSE program. Including: business law, psychology, sociology, funeral service counseling, funeral service management, other classes related to conducting funeral business. **(45 semester credits must be in liberal arts, business, or science.)**
- Applicants must submit an official transcript.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Idaho. 25 funeral arrangement and 25 funeral case reports required. Applicants must submit a Resident Trainee Final Report signed by the supervisor on file.
- Applicants are required to be at least 21 years old.

**Mortician (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

- 60 semester or 90 quarter hours from accredited college in addition to ABFSE program. **(45 of the semester credits must be in liberal arts, business, or science.)**
- Applicants must submit an official transcript showing completion of at least a one-year embalming program accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Idaho. 25 embalming case reports and 25 funeral arrangement case reports required. Applicants must submit a Resident Trainee Final Report signed by the supervisor on file.
- Applicants are required to be at least 21 years old.

**Endorsement License For either Mortician or Funeral Director:**

For an endorsement application for Mortician license or Funeral Director license the following are required if the applicant has a current, valid license in another state with requirements similar to Idaho:

- A completed application, color copy of photo identification, and fees.
- Certification from the home state showing status of licensure.
- Certification of having passed the appropriate examination(s) given by the ABFSE.
- Upon review and acceptance of the above requirements by the Mortician Board, an Idaho State Law examination must be successfully completed.

Illinois

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Illinois Funeral Director & Embalmer](#)

**Contact:** 320 W. Washington St., Springfield, IL 62786. Phone: 1-800-560-6420. [Online contact form.](#)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Sec. 10-15. Intern license qualifications](#)

**Funeral Director and Embalmer Intern:**

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old.
- Associate Degree in mortuary science, ABFSE-accredited.
- OR 30 semesters hours of college credit including 20 hours of liberal arts, physical, biological, or applied sciences, AND graduation from a 12-month course of study in an approved program of mortuary science.
- A licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer must sign a Certificate of Acceptance form.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Bachelor's or Associate Degree in Mortuary Science from an approved program.
- Exam: NBE required.
- Applicants must submit documentation that applicant is immunized against diphtheria, Hepatitis B, and tetanus.



- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in IL. 24 & 24 case reports. **Only applicants who have successfully completed a Funeral Director and Embalmer internship in Illinois may apply based on acceptance of examination.**
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

**Endorsement Application:**

- Bachelor's or Associate Degree in Mortuary Science from an approved program.
- Exam: NBE required.
- Applicants must submit documentation that applicant is immunized against diphtheria, Hepatitis B, and tetanus.
- Applicant must have been actively engaged in the practice of funeral directing and embalming for at least 12 months of the last 5 years prior to application.
- Applicant must submit verification of current license and a description of the licensing examination taken and grades obtained.
- Applicant must submit two reference forms from professionals knowledgeable about applicants practice as a funeral director and embalmer.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Indiana

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Indiana State Board of Funeral & Cemetery Services](#)

**Contact:** 402 W. Washington St., Rm W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Phone: 317-234-3031. Email: [pla12@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla12@pla.in.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [IC 25-15-4-2 Funeral director intern licenses.](#)

**Funeral Director Intern:**

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old.
- Applicant must have a diploma from an accredited high school.
- Applicant must have:
  - (A) thirty (30) semester hours or forty-five (45) quarter hours of college level work in a regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution that includes course work in the subjects of English, the humanities, science, business, and other electives that apply toward a baccalaureate degree from the postsecondary educational institution; AND four (4) academic quarters, or its equivalent, in an accredited college, school, or department of mortuary science approved by the board; **OR**
  - (B) a twenty-one (21) month program in an accredited college, school, or department of mortuary science that has been approved by the board;

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- 30 semester or 45 quarter hours from postsecondary institutions & 4 quarters from accredited school of mortuary science OR 21-month program in mortuary science (all programs must be approved by the Board.)
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship under the direct supervision of a funeral director licensee, have at least one year of continuous experience in the practice of funeral service. Four case reports.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Iowa

**Determination:** Does NOT Meet.

**Board:** [Iowa Board of Mortuary Science](#)

**Contact:** 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-9010. Phone: 515-281-0254. Email: [PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Mortuary Science Law.](#)

**Intern:**

- Official academic transcripts sent directly to the board office from the educational institution verifying completion of all of the following:
- A program in mortuary science from a school accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education;
- A minimum of 60 hours at a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of a 2.0 or a “C” grade point average. The 60 semester hours used to fulfill this requirement cannot include technical mortuary science courses; and
- **A college course of at least one semester hour or equivalent in current Iowa law and rules covering mortuary science content areas including but not limited to Iowa law and rules governing the practice of mortuary science, cremation, vital statistics, cemeteries and preneed.**

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- A minimum of 60 hours at a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of a 2.0 or a “C” grade point average. The 60 semester hours used to fulfill this requirement cannot include technical mortuary science courses, **AND** A college course of at least one semester hour or equivalent in current Iowa law and rules covering mortuary science content areas including but not limited to Iowa law and rules governing the practice of mortuary science, cremation, vital statistics, cemeteries and preneed.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served before training in Iowa. 12 & 12 case reports required. Applicants that have been licensed for two or more years in another state are not required to provide proof of internship.

Kansas

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts](#)

**Contact:** Jayhawk Tower, 700 SW Jackson, Ste 904, Topeka, KS 66603-3733. Phone: 785-296-3980. Email: [boma1@ks.gov](mailto:boma1@ks.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Rule Book](#).

**Embalmer Apprenticeship:**

- Exam: NBE.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in Kansas. Applicants must serve a one-year, full-time apprenticeship under the supervision of a licensed embalmer. Apprenticeships served out-of-state must be under the supervision of a licensed embalmer, and the applicant must complete the Kansas embalmer apprenticeship application. Quarterly progress reports must be submitted to the board.

**Embalmer:**

- Must submit a Certificate of Preregistration and Placement when enrolling in mortuary school.
- Must submit a Certificate of Registration as a Student Embalmer, which must be under the supervision of a Kansas licensed embalmer.
- Final college transcript, indicating a minimum of an Associate in Arts degree in mortuary science. The transcript must list that a degree has been earned.
- Exam: NBE.
- Applicants must successfully interview with the board.
- Reciprocity applicants. In addition to the requirements above, reciprocity applicants must be currently licensed in a state with educational requirements as high as those in Kansas. Must pass any oral or written examination administered by the board. Must agree to certify in writing or orally that the applicant has read, understands, and will abide by the state rules, regulations, and statutes.

- Endorsement applicants: In addition to the above requirements, endorsement applicants must be licensed for at least five years and have completed at least five consecutive years of active practice in embalming, pass both sections of the NBE, and not have any adverse actions taken against them by any state licensing board.
- [License requirements and applications.](#)

**Funeral Director:**

- Applicant must provide transcripts showing credit of no less than two years of general college education with at least 60 semester hours, to include the following subjects determined by the board:
  - six semester hours in Humanities; six semester hours in Social Science; four semester hours in Natural Science; two semester hours in Business; two semester hours in Fine Arts, and
  - 40 semester hours of the applicant's choice.
- Exam: LRR required. Applicants must receive a minimum score of 75% on the Kansas funeral directors' examination.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training in Kansas. Applicant must serve as an apprentice for no less than one year under the supervision of a licensed Kansas funeral director working on a full-time basis. Apprenticeships can be served out-of-state. Quarterly progress reports must be submitted, and the applicant must assist with a minimum of 25 funerals. Applicants must successfully interview with the board at the conclusion of the apprenticeship.
- Reciprocal Funeral Director License: In addition to meeting the above requirements, applicants must be currently licensed in a state with educational requirements as high as those in Kansas for a minimum of one year. The board in the home state must submit a statement of good standing.
- [License requirements and applications.](#)

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Apprenticeships are available to students to transition to licensed positions. More information on apprenticeships and the process is available [here](#).

Kentucky

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Kentucky Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 9114 Leesgate Road, Suite 4, Louisville, KY 40222-5055. Phone: 502-426-4589. Email: [KBEFD@ky.gov](mailto:KBEFD@ky.gov). [Online contact form](#).

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Section 1. Apprenticeship Application.](#)

**Apprenticeship I and II**

[201 KAR 15:050](#) (PDF) requires an applicant for an embalmer or funeral director's license to serve a full-time apprenticeship under the supervision of a Kentucky-licensed embalmer or funeral director.

- Copy of High School transcript/diploma.
- Official copy of college transcript. Applicants can attend mortuary science school while completing an apprenticeship.
- Official copy of National Board scores (if taken).
- Once applicants submit a complete apprenticeship application, the applicant and the supervisor will meet with the Board. If approved by the Board, the apprenticeship will start the day of the Board interview.
- Apprentices must keep a calendar ready to be viewed at all times by an inspector.
- Apprentices file a book report very six months.
- Apprentices must write 25 case reports.
- [Apprenticeship forms.](#)

- Level II Apprenticeship is an option for applicants who have completed 25 cases and 6 months as a Level I Apprentice.
- A funeral directing and an embalming apprenticeship may be served concurrently.

**Funeral Director:**

- The Kentucky Board offers its own licensing examination. The Board may accept the results of the examination prepared and administered by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards and the results of an oral examination on the subject of embalming administered by one or more members of the Board in lieu of the written examination for embalmer's license administered by the Board.
- Applicants must have served a three-year apprenticeship in Kentucky. 25/25 case reports required. An associate degree in funeral services accredited by the ABFSE may substitute for two years of the apprenticeship. At no time shall more than 2 years be substituted.

**Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science.
- The Kentucky Board offers its own licensing examination. The Board may accept the results of the examination prepared and administered by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards and the results of an oral examination on the subject of embalming administered by one or more members of the Board in lieu of the written examination for embalmer's license administered by the Board.
- Applicants must have served a three-year apprenticeship in Kentucky. 25/25 case reports required. An associate degree in funeral services accredited by the ABFSE may substitute for two years of the apprenticeship. At no time shall more than 2 years be substituted.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Exams: SBE, LRR required.
- Applicants must have served a three-year apprenticeship in Kentucky. 25/25/25 case reports required. An associate degree in funeral services accredited by the ABFSE may substitute for two years of the apprenticeship. At no time shall more than 2 years be substituted.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- High school graduation or GED is required.
- Reciprocal licensure is an option for licensed applicants from states with similar licensure requirements to Kentucky. [Additional information.](#)

Louisiana

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Louisiana State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 3500 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 1232, Metairie, LA 70002. Phone: 504-838-5109. Email: [kmichel@lsbefd.state.la.us](mailto:kmichel@lsbefd.state.la.us)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Chapter 9. Internship.](#) § 901. Requirements for an Embalmer and Funeral Director License.

**Internship Registration:**

- \* High school diploma or GED equivalent.
- \* ABFSE-accredited transcript from a mortuary science program.
- \* Certified official scores from the ICFSEB.

Note: \* Only the application and fee are required to begin an internship. The supporting documentation may be submitted at any time during the internship but MUST be received prior to applying for a license as Funeral Director/Embalmer.

**Funeral Director:**

- Minimum of 30 college freshman semester hours from a regionally-accredited college or university, including English, mathematics, bookkeeping, accounting, business, psychology, history, etc. Remedial classes, physical education, music and the arts, and sports will not be accepted courses.
- Mortuary Science programs must be accredited by the ABFSE. A degree from an accredited Mortuary Science program can substitute for the credit requirement listed above.
- Exam: SBE required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Louisiana for 1,560 contact hours. 30 case reports required.
- Applicants from out-of-state are required to apply for Temporary Licensure. Must hold a valid license in another state for no less than 1 year. Exam: LRR. Temporary Licensure gives applicants the opportunity to take the Louisiana LRR exam and apply for licensure through Reciprocity.
- Full list of requirements can be found [here](#).

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Successful completion of a Mortuary Science program accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exam: NBE required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Louisiana for 1,560 contact hours. 30/30 case reports required.
- Applicants from out-of-state are required to apply for Temporary Licensure. Must hold a valid license in another state for no less than 1 year. Exam: LRR. Temporary Licensure gives applicants the opportunity to take the Louisiana LRR exam and apply for licensure through Reciprocity.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- High school diploma or GED required.
- [Forms and applications](#).

Maine

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Maine Board of Funeral Services](#)

**Contact:** 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0035. Phone: 207-624-8624. Email: [funeral.board@maine.gov](mailto:funeral.board@maine.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [§1501. Licenses; qualifications; requirements](#).

§1503-A. Practitioner trainee.

**Funeral Practitioner Trainee**

- This is a staff person who is engaged in preparing to become licensed for the practice of funeral service under the supervision and instruction of a licensed Funeral Practitioner.
- Applicants must have an Associate Degree in Mortuary Science accredited by the ABFSE **OR** at least 50 credit hours of study at a college of mortuary science. Applicant must submit an academic transcript.
- Must complete 2,000 on-the-job training hours.
- Applicants from out-of-state can apply to have either partial or complete recognition of apprenticeship hours completed in other states.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

**Funeral Practitioner**

- In Maine, a Funeral Practitioner: “shall mean any licensed person engaged or holding themselves out as engaged in embalming and/or funeral directing, whether on their own behalf or in the employ of another, and shall include any person who shall use, in connection with their name, the words ‘embalmer,’ ‘funeral director,’ ‘mortician,’ or

‘undertaker’ or any other words or title implying they are designating themselves to be an embalmer and/or funeral director.”

- Applicants must have an Associate Degree in Mortuary Science accredited by the ABFSE. Applicant must submit an academic transcript.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship required.
- Out-of-state applicants must submit proof that the applicant has been continuous active practiced as a licensed practitioner of funeral service in another state for the 3-year period immediately preceding the application to the Board. In addition to the above requirements, the out-of-state applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from licensed practitioners of funeral services from the home jurisdiction.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

**Funeral Attendant**

- This is a staff person who engages in transporting human remains and may assist a Licensed Practitioner in other funeral activities.
- Must work under the supervision of a Licensed Practitioner.
- [Additional information and application.](#)

Maryland

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Maryland Board of Morticians & Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 4201 Patterson Ave., MDH Metro Executive Bldg, Baltimore, MD 21215-2299. Phone: 410-764-4792. Email: [MDH.BOMFD@maryland.gov](mailto:MDH.BOMFD@maryland.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [§7-306. Apprenticeship licenses.](#) (d)(1)(i) Education requirements.

**Licensed Apprentice:**

"Licensed apprentice" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an apprentice who is licensed by the Board to assist a licensed mortician or funeral director in the practice of mortuary science or funeral direction.

- Applicant must be enrolled in or have graduated from an ABFSE-accredited mortuary science program.
- Applicant must have a board-licensed sponsor.

**Funeral Director:**

"Funeral Director" means an individual who is licensed by the Board to practice all aspects of mortuary science except embalming.

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 1,000 hours in Maryland. 24 case reports required.

**Mortician (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

"Mortician" means an individual who practices mortuary science.

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science.
- Exams: NBE, LRR, and a state practical exam required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 1,000 hours in Maryland. 20/20 /20 case reports required.
- Applicants that are licensed for at least 5 years and in good standing in another state can apply for Mortician licensure in Maryland and apply to waive the apprenticeship requirement.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Forms and applications.](#)

Massachusetts

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing](#)

**Contact:** 1000 Washington St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02118. Phone: 617-727-1718. Email: [embalming.funeral@mass.gov](mailto:embalming.funeral@mass.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Section 83. Applications for registration as embalmers, funeral directors or apprentice embalmers.](#)

**Apprentice Embalmer:**

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicant must submit a licensed Sponsor's signature in the application packet.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

**Funeral Assistant:**

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicant must submit a licensed Sponsor's signature in the application packet.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: Massachusetts written practical and jurisprudence exams; the national exam is no longer required for licensure in Massachusetts.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 2 years, full-time in Massachusetts. 50 & 25 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

Michigan

**Determination:** Does NOT Meet.

**Board:** [Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 30018 Lansing, MI 48909. Phone: 517-241-9221. Email: [CSCOnline@michigan.gov](mailto:CSCOnline@michigan.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [339.1808 Resident trainee; license; qualifications; service; notice; reports; statement; supervision.](#)

[Administrative Code: R 339.18921 Licensure education requirements.](#)

**Mortuary Science Licensure:**

- Mortuary Science degree from a 3-year course in mortuary science.
- Exam: NBE
- Apprenticeship/Internship. Submit a final "Embalming and Resident Trainee Rating Report" with licensure application. 25 case reports.

**Mortuary Science Resident Trainee License**

- Resident training may be served after satisfactory completion of a 3-year accredited school or college, or professional instruction.
- Applicants must be high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicants may serve as a trainee during education.

Minnesota

**Determination:** Does NOT Meet.

**Board:** [MDH Mortuary Science Section](#)

**Contact:** 85 E. 7th Place, Suite 300 P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882. Phone: 651-201-4200. Email: [health.mortsci@state.mn.us](mailto:health.mortsci@state.mn.us)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [149A.20 LICENSE TO PRACTICE MORTUARY SCIENCE.](#)

**Mortuary Science Internship:**

- Exam: NBE and LRR required. [Information.](#)



- The internship shall be a minimum of 2,080 hours completed within a 3-year period. The Board may waive up to 520 hours of internship time upon completion of a mortuary science clinical.
- Submit official college transcripts. **Applicants must have a total of 120 semester credits** and have completed a program of mortuary science accredited by the ABFSE.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Submit official college transcripts. **Applicants must have a total of 120 semester credits** and have completed a program of mortuary science accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required. [Information](#).
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after training. 25 case reports.
- Applicant must be 21 years old.

**Additional Information:**

- [Applications and forms](#).

Mississippi

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Mississippi State Board of Funeral Services](#)

**Contact:** 3010 Lakeland Cove, Suite W, Flowood, MS 39232-9709. Phone: 601-932-1973. Email: [funeral\\_board@msbfs.state.ms.us](mailto:funeral_board@msbfs.state.ms.us)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** § [73-11-51. Examination of applicants for license;](#)

**Trainee:**

- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Applicants must have their NBE results sent to the Board.

**Funeral Director:**

- High School Graduation/GED required.
- Exam: SBE required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Mississippi for **at least 18 months**. 50 case reports required.
- [Application](#).

**Funeral Services/Embalmer:**

- Mortuary Science school.
- Exam: NBE required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Mississippi for **at least 18 months**. 25 case reports required.
- [Application](#).

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- High school graduation or GED is required.

Missouri

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Missouri Embalmers & Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 3605 Missouri Blvd, PO Box 423, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0423. Phone: 573-751-0813. Email: [embalm@pr.mo.gov](mailto:embalm@pr.mo.gov)

**Accreditation** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [33.042. Application and examination fees for funeral directors, apprenticeship requirements — limited license only for cremation — exemptions from apprenticeship.](#)

**Apprentice:**

- High school graduation or GED required.

**Funeral Director:**

- High School Graduation/GED plus apprenticeship in lieu of formal education or Certificate of Proficiency program for funeral director.

- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for at least 12 months, proof of 10 funeral services conducted. 10 case reports required.

**Embalmer:**

- Mortuary Science program accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship serviced for at least 12 months in Missouri. 25 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- High school graduation or GED is required.
- [Applications and forms.](#)

Montana

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Montana Board of Funeral Service](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 200513, Helena, MT 59620-0513. Phone: 406-444-6880. Email: [dlibsdhel@mt.gov](mailto:dlibsdhel@mt.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [37-19-302. License required for practice of mortuary science --](#)

**Mortician Intern:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must have graduated from an ABFSE-accredited Mortuary Science program.
- Montana also requires an open-book [jurisprudence examination](#) (PDF).
- Applicants must be employed at a licensed mortuary under the supervision of a licensed mortician.

**Mortician (Funeral Directing/Embalming):**

- Associate Degree in Funeral Service or Mortuary Science, ABFSE accredited.
- Exam: NBE required.
- Montana also requires an open-book [jurisprudence examination](#) (PDF), which is included with the licensure application.
- Applicants from out-of-state must submit proof of completion of an apprenticeship issued by the applicant's home state or jurisdiction.
- [License checklist \(not currently licensed out-of-state\).](#)
- [License checklist \(currently licensed out-of-state\).](#)

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Nebraska

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Nebraska Funeral Directing and Embalming](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 94986 301 Centennial Mall South, 14<sup>th</sup> & M Streets, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lincoln, NE 68509-4986. Phone: 402-471-2117. Email: [DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [38-1416. Apprenticeship; apprentice license; examination.](#)

**Apprentice:**

- Applicants must have completed at least 20 semester hours of college credit.
- Applicants must complete the 12-month apprenticeship in either a split apprenticeship (6-months prior to mortuary school and 6-months after mortuary school) or a full apprenticeship (12-months after mortuary school).
- A full apprenticeship also requires passing the NBE exam.
- [Apprentice Information.](#)

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- 60 semester hours/college credit in specific areas. Applicants must have earned the equivalent of 60 semester hours of college credit (not included in mortuary school) which includes:
  - 6 semester hours of English;
  - 6 semester hours of accounting;
  - 8 semester hours of chemistry;
  - 12 semester hours of biological science related to the human body; and
  - 6 semester hours of psychology or counseling.
  - 5 years of licensure experience may substitute for the specific semester hour break down, **but applicants must still have a total of 60 semester hours of general education.**
- Mortuary Science school. Applicants must complete a full course of instruction in an accredited school of mortuary science. Hours earned in the mortuary science program may not be used for the 60 semester hours of general education.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 12 months before or after training in Nebraska. 25/25 case reports required. Out-of-state applicants must have completed at least 1 year licensed in another state, funeral directing and embalming.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 19 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- US Citizenship or Lawful Presence required.
- [Application Information](#).

Nevada

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Nevada Board of Funeral & Cemetery Services](#)

**Contact:** 3740 Lakeside Dr, Suite 201, Reno, NV 89509. Phone: 775-825-5535. Email: [nvfuneralboard@fb.nv.gov](mailto:nvfuneralboard@fb.nv.gov)

**Accreditation:** ASBFE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [NRS 642.190 Qualifications of applicant](#).

**Apprentice Embalmer:**

- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Applicants must submit verification of 60 semester hours at an accredited college or university. (Credits earned as part of the core mortuary science program fulfill this requirement.)

**Funeral Arranger:**

- Exam: NV LRR.

**Funeral Director:**

- Exams: NBE (Art) and NV-LRR required. [Additional information](#) (PDF).
- Apprenticeship/Internship: must have 1 year of active practice as a Funeral Arranger in NV. (This requirement is waived if the applicant has held a license as a funeral director in another state for at least one year prior to submitting application to Nevada.)

**Embalmer:**

- **60 semester or 90 quarter hours at accredited college or university (Credits earned at a mortuary science school do not fulfill this requirement.)**
- Have completed 12 full months of instruction at a school of mortuary science accredited by the ABFSE and approved by the Board.
- Exams: NBE (Sciences) and NV-LRR required. [Additional information](#) (PDF).
- Apprenticeship/Internship served before training in NV. 50 case reports required. (Out-of-state applicants must have served as a licensed embalmer in another state for at least 5 years, and practiced actively for the 2 years immediately preceding the application for licensure in NV.)

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Applications and forms.](#)

New Hampshire

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [New Hampshire Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers](#)

**Contact:** 121 S. Fruit St, Concord, NH 03301. Phone: 603-271-4648. Email: [customersupport@oplcnh.gov](mailto:customersupport@oplcnh.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Frl 301.01 Application for Embalmer's Apprentice License.](#)

**Embalmer Apprentice:**

- Apprenticeship/Internship served in New Hampshire after or during enrollment in a mortuary science school. 50 emb/25 fd.

**Embalmer:**

- 30 credits of postsecondary education required.
- Applicants must submit an official transcript from any mortuary science school attended.
- Exams: NBE
- Applicants must submit two affidavits of good professional character.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Applications.](#)

New Jersey

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [State Board of Mortuary Science of New Jersey](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 45009, Newark, NJ 07101. Phone: 973-504-6425. Email: [MortuaryScience@dca.njoag.gov](mailto:MortuaryScience@dca.njoag.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Statutes.](#)

**Internship:**

- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime for two years full-time in NJ. 75,75,25 case reports required.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Two-years academic education in a college or university.
- Minimum of one-year mortuary science school, accredited by ABFSE.
- Applicants may need to complete additional coursework to meet the requirement for two-years of academic education needed for licensure.
- Exams: NBE and NJ Jurisprudence and practical exam. Out-of-state applicants must be preapproved by the Board before taking the jurisprudence exam.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are asked about their US citizenship status.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- [Applications and forms.](#)

New Mexico

**Determination:** MEETS the educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department](#)

**Contact:** 2550 Cerrillos Road, P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Phone: 505-476-4622. Email: [Funeral.Board@state.nm.us](mailto:Funeral.Board@state.nm.us)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [16.64.3.8 Applications.](#)

**Funeral Service Intern:**

- Internship can be served before education.

**Funeral Arranger:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE (Arts) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for at least 12 months. 50/50 case reports required.

**Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science.
- Exams: NBE (Science) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for at least 12 months. 50 case reports required.

**Funeral Services Practitioner (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science.
- Exams: NBE (Arts and Science) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for at least 12 months. 50/50/50 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Criminal conviction check required.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must have graduated from high school or equivalent.

New York

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [New York State Bureau of Funeral Directing](#)

**Contact:** 875 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12206. Phone: 518-402-0785. Email: [funeral@health.ny.gov](mailto:funeral@health.ny.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Law Access Guidelines](#).

**Residency:**

- Applicants from out-of-state must complete a 12-month residency with a registered NY Funeral Establishment.
- Residency must be completed after graduation from an ABFSE-accredited program.
- Pass a NY LRR exam at the end of the residency.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Mortuary Science degree, ABFSE accredited.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served after graduation in NY. 50 emb/25 fd.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants must submit proof of US Citizenship or permanent residency.
- [Out-of-state applicant information](#).

North Carolina

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [North Carolina Board of Funeral Services](#)

**Contact:** 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh, NC 27605-1155. Phone: 919-733-9380.

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [90-210.25. Licensing](#).

**Trainee:**

- AAS degree or higher in any field; or diploma in funeral directing from a Board-approved curriculum at an MS accredited college; or an undergraduate or graduate degree in any field.

**Funeral Director:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science, ABFSE accredited
- Exam: NBE and LRR required. [Information](#).

- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in NC for at least 12 months. 25 case reports required.

**Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science, ABFSE accredited
- Exam: NBE and LRR required. [Information](#).
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in NC for at least 12 months. 25 case reports required.

**Funeral Services Licensure (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science, ABFSE accredited.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required. [Information](#).
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in NC for at least 12 months. 25 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Reciprocity license information](#).
- [Applications and forms](#).
- [Traineeship FAQs](#).

North Dakota

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [North Dakota State Board of Funeral Services](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 161, Rugby, ND 58368-0161. Phone: 701-776-6222. Email: [dmniewoehner@gondtc.com](mailto:dmniewoehner@gondtc.com). [Online contact form](#).

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:**

**Intern:**

- Interns must have completed 30 semester hours at an accredited college or university.
- Interns must have been accepted by an accredited college of mortuary science.

**Funeral Practitioner (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

- Associate or Diploma in Mortuary Science, **plus 60 semester hours of college credit**.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 12 months before or during training. 25 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to be high school graduates or equivalent.
- [Application Forms](#).

Northern Mariana Islands

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Health Care Professions Licensing Board](#).

**Contact:** P.O. Box 502078, Bldg., 11925 Pohnpei Court Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, Telephone: (670) 664-4809, Email: [info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp](mailto:info@cnmilicensing.gov.mp)

**Accreditation:**

**Statutes:** [Title 3-Division2-Section 2212, Health Care Professionals Required to be Licensed](#).

**Funeral Practitioner:**

- Applicants must have a high school diploma or an associate degree.
- Applicants are asked about possible criminal convictions.
- [Application Forms](#).

Ohio

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [State of Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** 77 S. High St., 16th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6108. Phone: 614-466-4252. Email: [Info@funeral.ohio.gov](mailto:Info@funeral.ohio.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Section 4717.05](#) | [License qualifications](#).

**Apprenticeship:**

- Applicants must submit a criminal background check.
- Applicants must have completed an ABFSE-accredited program.

**Funeral Director:**

- **Bachelor's Degree in any field** AND an official mortuary science transcript with at least 12 months instruction.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for one year in Ohio. In lieu of a mortuary science degree, a two-year apprenticeship and 50 case reports are required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

**Embalmer:**

- Bachelor's degree in any field AND an official mortuary science transcript with at least 12 months instruction.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for one year in Ohio. 25 case reports.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Oklahoma

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Oklahoma Funeral Board](#)

**Contact:** 3700 N. Classen Blv, Ste. 175, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. Phone: 405-522-1790. Email: [info@funeral.ok.gov](mailto:info@funeral.ok.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** §59-396.11. Apprenticeship - Application - Certificate - Rules. A.

**Apprenticeship:**

- Applicants must be at least 17 years old.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in OK. 25/25 case reports required.

**Funeral Director:**

- Mortuary Science degree from an ABFSE-accredited college.
- **60 semester hours of college from a regionally-accredited college or university.**
- Exams: NBE (Arts) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 12 months in Oklahoma. 25/25 case reports required.

**Embalmer:**

- Mortuary Science degree from an ABFSE-accredited college.
- **60 semester hours of college from a regionally-accredited college or university.**
- Exams: NBE (Arts and Science) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in OK. 25/25 case reports required.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Mortuary Science degree from an ABFSE-accredited college.
- 60 semester hours of college from a regionally-accredited college or university.
- Exams: NBE (Arts and Science) and LRR required.

**Additional Information:**

- [Applications and forms](#).

Oregon

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirement for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board](#)



**Contact:** 800 N.E. Oregon St., Suite 430, Portland, OR 97232. Phone: 971-673-1500. Email: [mortuary.board@oregon.gov](mailto:mortuary.board@oregon.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Chapter 692, Funeral Services Practitioners.](#)

**Funeral Service Practitioner Apprentice:**

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicant must submit a birth certificate.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Oregon. 25 case reports required. **OR** application through reciprocity showing the applicant has one-year of licensure in good standing from any state.

**Funeral Service Practitioner:**

- Associate Degree in any accredited field **OR** must provide proof of at least four years of previous FSP licensure in any state.
- Exam: NBE

**Embalmer:**

- Graduation from an ABFSE-accredited school of funeral services.
- Exam: NBE (Arts and Science) required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in Oregon. 35 case reports required. **OR** application through reciprocity showing the applicant has one-year of licensure in good standing from another state.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [General overview of licensing requirements, including information on reciprocity.](#)
- [Applications and forms.](#)

Palau

**Determination:** *MEETS educational requirements in Palau.*

**Board:** [Ministry of Health and Human Services.](#)

**Contact:** PO Box 6027, Koror, Republic of Palau, 680-488-2552

**Statute:**

**Additional Information:**

Palau does not license funeral directors/embalmers at this time.

Pennsylvania

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors](#)

**Contact:** P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649. Phone: 717-783-3397. Email: [ST-FUNERAL@state.pa.us](mailto:ST-FUNERAL@state.pa.us)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Pennsylvania Code, State Board of Funeral Directors](#)

**§ 13.31. Qualifications. Resident Intern**

**Funeral Trainee:**

- Applicant must be a high school graduate.
- Must be enrolled in an ABFSE-accredited mortuary school education.

**Funeral Director:**

- Certificate of ABFSE-accredited mortuary education.
- Exam: NBE required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 12 full continuous months. 35 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 21 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

Puerto Rico

**Declaración:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Departamento de Salud de Puerto Rico](#)

**Contact:** Centro Médico Norte Calle Periferal Interior, Bo. Monacillos, Rio Piedras San Juan, PR 00921. Phone: 787-765-2929. Email: [contactus@salud.pr.gov](mailto:contactus@salud.pr.gov)

**Statutes:**

**General Information:**

- [Ley de Servicios Funerarios de Puerto Rico](#): (Artículo 4.02.-Funerarias; Dirección). Toda funeraria será dirigida por un Director Funerario, debidamente calificado y certificado como tal por el Secretario de Salud. Deberá haber aprobado un curso técnico vocacional en ciencias mortuorias u otro curso equivalente, con prueba adecuada de sus cualificaciones morales y presentará un certificado de buena conducta expedido por el Superintendente de la Policía de Puerto Rico, todo ello a satisfacción del Secretario del Departamento de Salud.
- (Article 4.02.-Funeral Homes; Direction). Every funeral home will be directed by a Funeral Director, duly qualified and certified as such by the Secretary of Health. Must have passed a vocational technical course in mortuary sciences or another equivalent course, with adequate proof of their moral qualifications and must present a certificate of good conduct issued by the Superintendent of the Puerto Rico Police, all to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Department of Health.)

Rhode Island

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for licensure.

**Board:** [Rhode Island Department of Health, Embalming/Funeral Directing \(Licensing\)](#)

**Contact:** 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Phone: 401-222-5960. Email: [doh.elicense@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.elicense@health.ri.gov). [Online contact form](#).

**Accreditation** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [§ 5-33.2-16. Funeral director/embalmer — Internship](#).

**Funeral Director/Embalmer Intern:**

- Applicants are asked about possible criminal convictions.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Mortuary Science school, Associate of Science.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Exams: NBE required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served in Rhode Island, reports due quarterly, 50 case reports.

South Carolina

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [South Carolina Board of Funeral Service](#)

**Contact:** 110 Centerview Dr, Columbia, SC 29210. Phone: 803-896-4497. Email: [contact.funeral@lfr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.funeral@lfr.sc.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:**

**Apprenticeship/Internship:**

- Apprenticeship/Internship served any time for two years in South Carolina. 50 case reports required.

**Funeral Director:**

- One year at an accredited mortuary college **OR** bachelor's degree **OR** 60 accredited college hours.
- Exams: NBE (Arts) and LRR required.

**Embalmer:**

- Completion of a course in embalming approved by the Board and accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE (Science) and LRR required.

- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime for two years in South Carolina. 50 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Information and application for reciprocity.](#)
- [Frequently asked questions.](#)

South Dakota

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [South Dakota Board of Funeral Service](#)

**Contact:** 801 N Main St, Suite 298, Spearfish, SD 57783. Phone: 605-642-1600. Email: [proflic@rushmore.com](mailto:proflic@rushmore.com)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [20:45:03:01 Minimum qualifications for Trainee.](#)

**Trainee:**

- High school transcripts must be submitted.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicants must be a US citizen.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- Bachelor's or Associate Degree in Mortuary Science accredited by the ABFSE **plus** 30 semester hours of approved college credit. The Board requires coursework in each of the following areas: communication, social sciences, natural sciences, business, and electives.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in South Dakota. 25 case reports and 5 funeral arrangements required.
- [Application and license requirements.](#)

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- [Additional applications and forms.](#)

Tennessee

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Funeral Directors, Embalmers & Burial Services](#)

**Contact:** 500 James Robertson Pkwy., Davy Crockett Twr. 2nd Fl., Nashville, TN 37243-0565. Phone: 615-741-5062. Email: [Funeral.Cemetery.Board@TN.Gov](mailto:Funeral.Cemetery.Board@TN.Gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** 0660-04-.01 Apprentices. [Registration.](#)

**Apprenticeship/Internship:**

- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in TN. Quarterly reports.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Applicant must submit copy of official government-issued ID.

**Funeral Director:**

- Completion of funeral service education program of not less than 30 hours accredited by ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- [Licensure requirements and additional information.](#)

**Embalmer:**

- Associate Degree in Mortuary Science in ABFSE, no less than 60 semester hours.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in TN. Quarterly case reports required.
- [Licensure requirements and additional information.](#)

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- [Frequently asked questions.](#)

## Texas

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Texas Funeral Service Commission](#)

**Contact:** 333 Guadalupe St., 2-110, Austin, TX 78701. Phone: 512-936-2474. [info@tfsc.texas.gov](mailto:info@tfsc.texas.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Sec 203.5 Provisional Licensure.](#)

### Provisional Licensure Program:

- Applicants must be graduates from or be enrolled in an ABFSE-accredited mortuary science program. (An educational waiver is also an option.)
- Applicants must be enrolled and under the direct supervision of a funeral-director-in-charge or embalmer-in-charge during the entire provisional program.
- Applicants must successfully pass the and [Texas Mortuary Law Exam](#) prior to provisional licensure.
- Comply with the rules of the Commission.

### Funeral Director:

- Graduate from an accredited school or college of mortuary science.
- Exams: NBE and [Texas Mortuary Law Exam](#) required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in TX. 45 case reports required. (Unless reciprocating from another state with a license for a minimum of one year.)

### Embalmer:

- Graduate from an accredited school or college of mortuary science.
- Exams: NBE and [Texas Mortuary Law Exam](#) required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in TX. 45 case reports required. (Unless reciprocating from another state with a license for a minimum of one year.)

### Funeral Director/Embalmer:

- Graduate from an accredited school or college of mortuary science.
- Exams: NBE and [Texas Mortuary Law Exam](#) required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime in TX. 45 & 45 case reports required. (Unless reciprocating from another state with a license for a minimum of one year.)

### Additional Information:

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must have graduated from high school or equivalent.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- [Additional information and applications.](#)

## Utah

More information is available at the [top of this page.](#)

## Vermont

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Vermont Board of Funeral Service](#)

**Contact:** 89 Main St, 3rd FL, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402. Phone: 802-828-1134. [Online contact form.](#)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [§ 1252. Application; qualifications.](#)

### Funeral Director Apprentice:

- Applicants must identify a Funeral Director or Embalmer and Funeral Establishment where the apprenticeship will take place on the application form.

### Funeral Director:

- Graduate from a school of funeral services accredited by the ABFSE, no less than two academic years.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.

- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 12 months of full-time employment.
- Assisted with 30 funerals, under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director.
- Board may waive the educational and traineeship requirements, if the applicant possesses a valid license from another state.

**Embalmer:**

- Graduate from a school of funeral services accredited by the ABFSE, no less than two academic years.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 12 months of full-time employment.
- Board may waive the educational and traineeship requirements, if the applicant possesses a valid license from another state.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- [Applications and forms.](#)

Virginia

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Virginia Board of Funeral](#)

**Contact:** 9960 Mayland Dr., Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233-1463. Phone: 804-367-4479. Email: [fanbd@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:fanbd@dhp.virginia.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** § **54.1-2817. Funeral service interns.**

**Funeral Service Interns:**

- Internship shall consist of at least 2,000 hours of training to be completed in no less than 12 months.
- Applicant must be high school graduate or equivalent.

**Funeral Service Licensee (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

- Graduation from a mortuary science school accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE (Arts and Science) required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for no less than 12 months. 25/25 case reports required.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- [Application and forms.](#)

Virgin Islands

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements.

**Board:**

**Contact:**

**Accreditation:**

**Statutes:** US Virgin Islands Code, [Title 19 – Part IV – Chapter 37 – 861](#)

**Funeral Practitioner:**

- The Virgin Islands does not license Funeral Directors/Embalmers at this time.

Washington

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Washington Funeral Directors, Embalmers, Cemeteries, Crematories, and Funeral Establishments](#)

**Contact:** PO Box 9012, Olympia, WA 98507-9012. Phone: 360-664-1555. Email: [funerals@dol.wa.gov](mailto:funerals@dol.wa.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [RCW 18.39.120](#). **Interns—Registration—Renewal—Notice of termination—Fees.**

**Internship Registration:**

- Applicant must be at least 18 years old.

- Interns can take the licensing exam, but a Funeral Director license will not be issued until education is completed.

**Funeral Director:**

- Degree in Mortuary Science, accredited by ABFSE. Alternative education [option](#).
- Exams: NBE (Arts) and WA LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime for 1 year in Washington. 25 case reports. Out-of-state internships may be accepted if the internship was registered with the state's board and documented by a licensed funeral services professional.

**Embalmer:**

- Degree in Mortuary Science, accredited by ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served anytime for 2 years in Washington. 25 case reports. Out-of-state internships may be accepted if the internship was registered with the state's board and documented by a licensed funeral services professional.

**Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are asked questions about possible criminal convictions.

West Virginia

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [West Virginia Board of Funeral Services](#)

**Contact:** 179 Summers St., Ste. 319, Charleston, WV 25301-2131. Phone: 304-558-0302. Email: [wvfuneralboard@wv.gov](mailto:wvfuneralboard@wv.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [Laws and Guides](#).

**Apprenticeship:**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent.
- Applicant may obtain the required associate degree to become a licensed Funeral Services Licensee before, during, or after the apprenticeship.
- Applicants may also attend Mortuary Science School before, during, or after the apprenticeship.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- **Complete an Associate Degree or 60 semester hours of college credit towards from an accredited college or university.**
- Complete, at minimum, a 12-month mortuary school program which results in a diploma or certificate, accredited by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE and WV LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship in West Virginia. 35 case reports required.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.

Wisconsin

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board](#)

**Contact:** PO Box 8366, Madison, WI 53708-8366. Phone: 608-266-2112. Email: [dsps@wi.gov](mailto:dsps@wi.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [445.095 Apprenticeship, funeral directors](#).

**Apprenticeship:**

- Applicant must be 18 years old.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.
- Applicant has completed a 16-hour certification class approved by the examining board, OR graduate from a mortuary science program approved by the ABFSE.

**Funeral Director/Embalmer:**

- 2 years of academic instruction in a course of study approved by the examining board (24 credits in English, Speech, Social Science, Natural Science, Business, and electives) or equivalent.
- 9 months or more instruction in a prescribed course in mortuary science approved by the ABFSE.
- Exams: NBE (Arts and Science) and LRR required.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 1 year in WI. 25/25/25 case reports required. Applicants for apprenticeship must attend a [Preparation Certification Course](#) (PDF) OR graduate from a mortuary science program approved by the ABFSE.
- Out-of-state applicants can apply through reciprocity if they have a valid license in good standing from another state and can pass the Wisconsin LRR exam.
- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants are required to submit a criminal background check.

## Wyoming

**Determination:** MEETS educational requirements for initial licensure.

**Board:** [Wyoming Board of Funeral Service Practitioners](#)

**Contact:** 2001 Capitol Avenue Rm 127, Cheyenne, WY 82002, Phone: 307-777-5403. Email: [Carla.Fleming@wyo.gov](mailto:Carla.Fleming@wyo.gov)

**Accreditation:** ABFSE accreditation accepted.

**Statutes:** [33-16-519. Apprentice funeral service practitioner; registration required;](#)

### **Funeral Service Apprentice:**

- Applicant must show proof of legal residence.
- Applicants must complete a Wyoming jurisprudence exam.
- Applicants must submit a supervision agreement.
- Applicants must have completed 60 credit hours at an accredited university, and have separately obtained an associate degree in funeral services practice or mortuary science from an accredited program. **OR** in the alternative have received a bachelor's degree in funeral service practice or mortuary science in order to apply for a funeral service practitioner license upon completion of your apprenticeship.

### **Funeral Service Practitioner (Funeral Director/Embalmer):**

- Completion of 60 hours from accredited college or university.
- Bachelor or Associate Degree in funeral service practice or mortuary science, accredited.
- Exams: NBE required. Wyoming also requires an oral jurisprudence exam administered by the Board at a regular Board meeting.
- Apprenticeship/Internship served for 1 year in WY. 25/25 case reports. Must pass Wyoming jurisprudence exam.
- Out-of-state applicants may be eligible for licensure if they have a current state license, have actively practiced funeral services for at least 5 years, and pass the Wyoming jurisprudence exam.

### **Additional Information:**

- Applicants are required to be at least 18 years old.
- [Applications and forms.](#)