

Funeral Service

PROGRAM CODE: 10-528-1



Associate Degree



Location: West Allis Campus, in-person and online

Start Date: August

Admission Requirement: This program admits students through a waiting list process. Visit the program's webpage at matc.edu to view the waiting list process and all requirements. A minimum of 24 college credits in areas specified by the state examining board are required for admission into this program.

Academic Preparedness Requirement: High school transcript

Financial Aid Eligible: Yes. Use code 003866 at fafsa.gov.

Program Description

This program prepares you for a career as a licensed funeral director and embalmer in a profession that demands compassion, dedication and creativity.

American Board of Funeral Service Education Program Learning Outcomes

- Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
- Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
- Interpret how federal, state and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
- Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
- Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
- Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services and ceremonies.
- Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
- Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
- Explain skills associated with managing a funeral establishment.
- Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.



Complete Program Details

QUESTIONS? 414-570-4426 or servepathway@matc.edu

COURSES	CREDITS
BIOSCI-177 General Anatomy and Physiology ‡	4
ENG-195 Written Communication ‡ (or) ENG-201 English 1 ‡	3
FUNERL-106 Thanatochemistry (or) Any 100-level or 200-level CHEM course	3
PSYCH-199 Psychology of Human Relations (or) Any 200-level PSYCH course	3
SOCSCI-197 Contemporary American Society (or) SOCSCI-210 Death and Dying or Any 200-level SOCSCI course	3
ACCTG-102 Basic Office Accounting (or) ACCTG-110 Financial Accounting or ACCTG-111 Accounting 1	3
BADM-165 Legal Environment of Business	3
BIOSCI-197 Microbiology ‡	4
ENG-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication ‡ (or) Any 200-level ENG or SPEECH course except ENG-200 and ENG-201	3
FUNERL-104 Funeral Service Field Experience I ‡	2
FUNERL-110 Introduction to Funeral Service ‡	2
FUNERL-112 Laws, Rules and Regulations of Funeral Service ‡	3
FUNERL-114 Pathology of Funeral Service ‡	2
FUNERL-116 Funeral Service Practices ‡	4
FUNERL-121 National Board Exam Prep I ‡	1
FUNERL-134 Embalming Theory ‡	3
FUNERL-135 Embalming Lab 1 ‡	1
FUNERL-105 Funeral Service Field Experience II ‡	2
FUNERL-118 Funeral Service Management ‡	3
FUNERL-119 Embalming Lab 2 ‡	1
FUNERL-122 National Board Exam Prep II ‡	1
FUNERL-123 Restorative Art ‡	3
FUNERL-124 Restorative Art Lab ‡	1
FUNERL-136 Funeral Service Science ‡	2
FUNERL-137 Funeral Service Management Lab ‡	1
FUNERL-153 Psychology of Funeral Service ‡	3

CREDITS

Total credits needed to complete this degree

64

‡ Prerequisite required.

Program curriculum requirements are subject to change.

Current MATC students should consult their Academic Program Plan for specific curriculum requirements.

MATC courses are offered in person, entirely online or partially online. Check each course's delivery options in Self-Service at selfservice.matc.edu.

The Funeral Service program at MATC 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

National Board Passage rates for this program are available on the Funeral Service program webpage. National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org in the Directory of Accredited Programs.

The American Board of Funeral Service Education - Committee on Accreditation has reaccredited this program for a period of seven years (through October 2028).