



Funeral Service Education Associate of Applied Science (FS23)

DESCRIPTION

The Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service Education is designed to prepare students for a career in funeral service. All aspects of funeral service will be taught within the scope of this program. Academic and technical skills will be taught in the areas of general business, industry regulations and laws, embalming and restorative art skills, funeral service applications, funeral home management, grief counseling, etc. The goal is to prepare the student for successful completion of all necessary board examinations and to prepare the student for the rigors of daily work within the funeral service industry. The goals of the Funeral Service Education Program are to promote and improve the standards of funeral service education and professionalism, to expose funeral service students to all aspects of the profession, and foster a desire to serve the public interest in an ethical, dignified manner. All Funeral Service Education students must take the National Board Examination to graduate from the program.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service Education are prepared for employment primarily in funeral home settings, although some related fields, such as embalming operations within medical college anatomy departments, trade embalming facilities, and autopsy support operations, are possible employment opportunities. Typically, a graduate who has passed all required board examinations and who has completed the required apprenticeship may be employed as a licensed funeral director/licensed embalmer. Prior to completion of apprenticeship and the subsequent licensure, the graduate would be employed as an apprentice funeral director/embalmer.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Funeral Service Education program at Ogeechee Technical College has as its central aim the recognition of funeral service personnel as members of a human services profession; members of the community in which they serve; participants in the relationship between bereaved families and those engaged in the funeral service profession; professionals knowledgeable of and compliant with federal, state, provincial/territorial, and local regulatory guidelines in the geographic area where they practice, as well as professionals sensitive to the responsibility for public health, safety, and welfare in caring for human remains. The Funeral Service Education program also has the following objectives: to enlarge the background and knowledge of students about the funeral service profession; to educate students in every phase of funeral service and to help enable them to develop proficiency and skills necessary for the profession, as defined in the preamble above; to educate students concerning the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to the community at large; to emphasize high standards of ethical conduct; to provide a curriculum at the post-secondary level of instruction; and to encourage student and faculty research in the field of funeral service.

ACCREDITATION

The Funeral Service Program at Ogeechee Technical College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) 3414 Ashland Avenue, Suite G, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506, Ph. 816-233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

To become licensed in the State of Georgia, a student must successfully complete the course of study at an accredited Funeral Service Education program, pass the national and/or state examinations, and complete a required apprenticeship.

NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION

After January 1, 2004, each accredited program in Funeral Service Education must require that each funeral service student take the National Board Examination (NBE) as a requirement for graduation. The annual passage rate of first-time takers on the National Board Examination (NBE) for the most recent three year period for this institution and all ABFSE accredited funeral service education programs is posted on the ABFSE website (www.abfse.org).

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;

4. Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
 - Meet the following assessment requirements:

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical	Algebra
COMPASS	79	62	43	37
SAT	450	NA	440	NA
ACT	17	16	19	NA

Admissions Policy- After the completion of all learning support, general core classes, COMP 1000, ACCT 1100, MKTG 1130 or ACCT 2140, and SPCH 1100, students are eligible to take Funeral Service Program courses.

Policy Regarding FSRV 2100 - FSRV 2100, Funeral Service Seminar, is the capstone course of the Funeral Service Education program. In order for students to enroll in this course, they must have successfully completed all other program requirements. The only exception to this policy is if a student has only one additional course that must be taken in conjunction with FSRV 2100.

FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION DEGREE CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Funeral Service Education degree program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester for general education classes, and fall and spring semesters for program courses. To graduate, degree-seeking students must earn a minimum of 75 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1380 contact hours and generally takes 6 semesters to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
General Education Core	15
Area I - Language Arts/Communication	3
ENGL 1101 - Composition and Rhetoric* (OL)	
Area II - Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
PSYC 1101 – Introduction to Psychology (OL)	
Area III - Natural Sciences/Mathematics	3
MATH 1111 – College Algebra (OL)	
Area IV Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
ENGL 2130-American Literature	
HUMN 1101-Humanities	
MUSC 1101-Music Appreciation	
Program Specific Requirements	3
ENGL 1102 – Literature and Composition	
Occupational Courses	60
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computers (OL)	3
FSRV 1010 - History of Funeral Service**	2
FSRV 1020 - Funeral Service Law and Ethics** (OL)	1
FSRV 1030 - Funeral Service Management and Directing**	6
FSRV 2000 - Anatomy for Funeral Service*	4
FSRV 2010 - Pathology for Funeral Service*	3
FSRV 2020 - Chemistry for Funeral Service*	3
FSRV 2030 - Embalming Techniques*	6

FSRV 2080 - Microbiology for Funeral Service*	3
FSRV 1050 - Funeral Service Practicum I**	2
FSRV 1060 - Funeral Service Practicum II**	3
FSRV 1070 - Small Business Administration for Funeral Service** (OL)	3
FSRV 2060 - Restorative Art*	5
FSRV 2090 - Grief Counseling and Sociology for Funeral Service**	3
FSRV 2100 - Funeral Service Seminar	3
ACCT 1100 - Financial Accounting I	4
SPCH 1101 – Public Speaking (OL)	3
MKTG 1130 - Business Regulations and Compliance OR ACCT 2140 – Legal Environment of Business	3

*Grade of "B" or better required

** "C" or higher grade is required for this course.

A Work Ethics grade of 2 or better is required in all Funeral Service program courses.

(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters.

Please note that all General Core Courses and Occupational Courses are taught in separate educational divisions at Ogeechee Technical College. Although each division may offer these courses as online components each semester, there is no guarantee that they will do so.

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$6,480

Books/Supplies: \$1,100

Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year

National Board Exam: \$400

TB Test: \$40

Hepatitis B Series: \$265

#4402 Forensic Drug Panel (7) or similar screening: \$25

Criminal Background Check: \$39-\$80

Course Supply Fees:

- FSRV 2030 Embalming Techniques Lab: \$25
- FSRV 2060 Restorative Art Lab: \$25

(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

TOP 10 REASONS

why OTC is the right choice for you!

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
4. Over 100 majors to choose from!
5. Flexible class scheduling: day, evening, and online classes!
6. Faculty with real-world experience
7. Hands-on learning
8. Small class sizes
9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
10. We **GUARANTEE** your education!

GET STARTED TODAY!

1. Select a program! Free career counseling is available.
2. Review the Admissions Checklist and APPLY online at www.ogeecheetech.edu!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu!

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