

# Certificate

## Funeral Service Certificate

UCO Code: 6121

**I. General Courses ..... 27**

The following courses:

HLTH 1112 Healthy Life Skills  
 ENG 1113 English Composition  
 ENG 1213 English Composition and Research  
 MCOM 1113 Fundamentals of Speech  
 BIO 1114 General Biology **OR**  
 BIO 1214 General Biology and Lab  
 CHEM 1014 Introduction to Chemistry and Lab  
 PSY 1103 General Psychology  
 MATH 1453 Applied Algebra **OR**  
 higher level math

\* FNRL 4522 Board Review

**II. Basic Sciences ..... 11**

The following courses:

BIO 2314 Introduction to Microbiology and Lab  
 FNRL 2214 Intro Human Anatomy and Dissection  
 FNRL 3433 Introduction to Pathology

**III. Mortuary Arts and Sciences ..... 20**

The following courses:

FNRL 3054 Embalming Chemistry  
 FNRL 3204 Embalming  
 FNRL 3304 Restorative Art

\* FNRL 4118 Practicum in Embalming and Funeral Directing

**IV. Mortuary Administration ..... 30**

The following courses:

FNRL 1211 Orientation to Funeral Service  
 FNRL 2313 Contemporary Funeral Service  
 FNRL 2413 Funeral Home Administration  
 FNRL 3374 Funeral Home Management I  
 FNRL 3383 Funeral Home Statutory Law  
 FNRL 3393 Mortuary Jurisprudence  
 FNRL 3493 Funeral Service Communication  
 FNRL 3513 History of Funeral Directing  
 FNRL 4214 Funeral Home Management II  
 FNRL 3483 Psychology of Grief

\* Must be taken concurrently during a student's final semester.

**Total hours required ..... 88**

The above course work meets licensing examination requirements in many states. Additional college hours of credit are required for Oklahoma funeral directing and embalming licensure. Students should check with their home state for specific requirements. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 must be earned in all work applicable to the program. A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in all Funeral Service major courses. Students must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours credit in residence at the University of Central Oklahoma including 15 hours in residence at UCO of the final 30 hours applied toward the certificate program.

National Board Examination scores, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at [www.abfse.org](http://www.abfse.org). To request a printed copy of this program's scores and rates, go to: UCO Department of Funeral Service, CHS 154, 100 North University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034 or by e-mail at [funeralservice@uco.edu](mailto:funeralservice@uco.edu), or by telephone, (405) 974-5001.

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## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the accredited Bachelor's Degree and Certificate program, students will be able to:

- 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 management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
- Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.