

Miami-Dade College
FSE 1000 – Introduction to Funeral Services

Course Description: This course explores the principles of funeral service and its history. Students will study ethical obligations and fundamental requirements involving skill, aptitudes and qualifications of funeral directors.

3 Credits

Prerequisites and Corequisites: None

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate a knowledge of the significance of historical funeral practices by:

- a. describing early Egyptian, Greek and Roman funeral customs.
- b. describing early Christian, Hebrew and Scandinavian burial.
- c. describing death and burial through the Middle Ages and Renaissance.
- d. discussing medical embalmers and the rise of English undertakers.
- e. discussing the rise of American funeral behavior.
- f. explaining development of coffins, burial cases, caskets, burial vaults and outside boxes.
- g. explaining development of embalming
- h. describing pattern of late nineteenth century funerals
- i. describing associational developments

Competency 2: The student will gain knowledge of the development of funeral service education by:

- a. identifying school and degree programs.
- b. describing the development of state boards.
- c. defining the American Board of Funeral Service Education.
- d. discussing the conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards and NFDA.
- e. interpreting licensing laws.