



Course Description

FSE2160 | Funeral Service Pathology | 3.00 credits

This course will cover general, systemic and forensic pathology with emphasis on analysis of pre-and post-mortem histology, cytology and etiology. Students will learn the causative factors relating to death and determination of cause of death.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will identify the pathological conditions and etiological factors that require special procedures in the removal, handling, preparation, and disposition of human remains by:

1. Compiling a list of infectious diseases
2. Describing conditions that may indicate a particular disease
3. Describing methods one can use in protecting him/herself from the disease
4. Describing methods one can use to disinfect the body to protect the family and friends

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of diseases and related terminology, which will enable competent communication with members of the medical field, allied professionals, and surviving family members by:

1. Preparing a list of diseases with definitions
2. Creating a list of diseases showing their etiology
3. Developing a list showing signs and symptoms of diseases

Competency 3: The student will describe the benefits derived from the postmortem examination of human remains by:

1. Describing the confirmation or altering of the clinical diagnosis and treatment
2. Explaining and providing tangible and psychological benefits to the deceased's family
3. Creating accurate death certificates

Competency 4: The student will describe the generally accepted embalming solution to a pathological condition by:

1. Explaining the complication of the pathological agent or condition upon human remains.
2. Correctly selecting the proper, generally accepted embalming task to overcome that particular agent or condition, after identifying a pathological agent or condition
3. When given multiple pathological agents or conditions, determine the appropriate priority tasks to secure the practical preservation of human remains

Learning Outcomes:

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society