

**Funeral Services – Program 23049
Associate in Science**
C.I.P. (1312030100)
Total credits required for the degree is 72

Students in the Funeral Services program are given a broad understanding of all phases of funeral home operations as well as the public health responsibilities of the funeral director and embalmer. All students must register to take the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. National Board Examination during their final semester. Students who plan Funeral Service licensure in other states must contract the respective state board to determine licensing requirements and the student is responsible for complying with all particular laws of that state.

The Funeral Service Education degree program at Miami-Dade College 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 Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. To request a printed copy of this program's rates, go to the Funeral Service Education Office (Building 3142) or by e-mail at jfinocch@mdc.edu, or by telephone 305-237-1244.

Course	Course Title	Credits	Pre-/Co-Requisites
General Education: 18 Credits Required			
Communications – 3 Credits Required			
ENC 1101	English Composition 1	3	
Mathematics – 3 Credits Required			
MAC #####	Any MAC prefix class	3	
MAP #####	Any MAP prefix class	3	
MAS #####	Any MAS prefix class	3	
MGF #####	Any MGF prefix class	3	
MTG #####	Any MTG prefix class	3	
STA #####	Any STA prefix class	3	
Science – 3 Credits Required			
BSC 1084	Functional Human Anatomy	3	BSC 1084 (Optional Laboratory)
Humanities – 3 Credits Required			
PHI 2604	Critical Thinking/Ethics	3	Pre-Req ENC 1101
Behavioral and Social Science – 3 Credits Required			
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	3	
Funeral Service – 3 Credits Required			
FSE 1000	History of Funeral Service	3	No Dept. Consent Required.
Major Course Requirements: 49 hours			
Group A – 3 Credit Hours Required			
BUL 2131	Legal Environment	3	
BUL 2241	Business Law 1	3	
Group B – 3 Credit Hours Required			
FSE 2202	Funeral Home Management	3	
GEB 1011	Principles of Management	3	
Group C – 3 Credit Hours Required			
FSE 1105	Thanatochemistry	3	
CHM 1033	Chemistry for Health Sciences	3	Pre-Req MAT1033 & Co-Req CHM 1033L
CHM 1020	General Education Chemistry	3	
CHM 1025	Introduction to Chemistry	3	
Group D – 3 Credit Hours Required			

FSE 2106	Funeral Service Microbiology	3	
MCB 2010	Microbiology I	3	Pre-Req MAT1033, BSC 2085, BSC 2086 & Co-Req MCB2010L

Group E – 3 Credit Hours Required

FSE 2200	Funeral Service Accounting	3	
ACG 2021	Financial Accounting I	3	Co-Req ACG 2021L
ACG 2001	Principles of Accounting I	3	

Group F – 37 Credits Required

FSE 1080	Funeral Law	3	
FSE 2060	Funeral Directing	3	
FSE 2061	Thanatology	3	
FSE 2100	Embalming 1	3	Pre-Req BSC1084
FSE 2100L	Embalming 1 Lab	2	Pre/Co-Req FSE 2100
FSE 2120C	Restorative Art	4	Pre-Req FSE2100; Recommended: Completed FSE2100L – Embalming 1 Lab
FSE 2140	Embalming 2	3	Pre-Req FSE2100
FSE 2140L	Embalming 2 Lab	2	Pre-Req FSE 2100L, Recommended: Completed FSE2100, FSE2140
FSE 2160	Pathology	3	
FSE 2201	Funeral Home Operations	3	
FSE 2203	Funeral Home Applications	3	Pre-Req FSE2060, FSE2201

Group G – 2 Credits Required

FSE 2930	Professional Review	2	Taken in final semester
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Elective Course Requirements: 3 Credit Hours

CHM1033L	Chemistry for Health Sciences Lab	1	Pre-Req MAT1033 & Co-Req CHM 1033
MCB2010L	Microbiology Lab 1	1	Pre-Req MAT1033, BSC 2085, BSC2086 & Co-Req MCB2010
ACG2021L	Financial Accounting I Lab	1	Co-Req ACG2021

Computer Competency: By the **16th earned** college level credit (excluding EAP and college preparatory courses), a student **must take** the Computer Competency Test and pass

Or

By the **31st earned** college level credit (excluding EAP and college preparatory courses), a student **must pass** CGS 1060, an equivalent continuing education or vocational credit course or retest with a **passing score on the Computer Competency Test.**

Additional Information:

Students must apply in person in the FSE office. Students are required to attend program orientation prior to admission into the Funeral Service Education Program.

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is required for graduation.

Students should check their individualized Degree Audit Report to determine the specific graduation policies in effect for their program of study for the year and term they entered Miami Dade. This outline includes current graduation requirements.

The final responsibility for meeting graduation requirements rests with the student.

Students must pass both sections of the National Board Examination in order to be licensed as a Combination Funeral Director & Embalmer or Embalmer Only in the State of Florida (2015).

Florida Statutes require fingerprinting and a background check upon application for licensure. Additionally, many funeral homes require a background check as well as drug testing prior to employment. Individuals who possess a criminal record or history of bad character may be denied licensure in this or any other state solely based on their criminal background / character even though they successfully complete this program.

Program Requirements

Students must complete all coursework with a "C" or better to complete the degree.

Admission requirement into the Associate in Science degree program is completion of all general education classes with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Applicants with more than three (3) grades of "D", "F", or "W" in the required general education courses are not eligible for entry in the Associate in Science degree program.

Students in the Associate in Science program with more than three (3) grades of "D", "F", or "W" in the Major Course Requirement classes will be removed from the program.

Students who possess the College Credit Certificate in Funeral Service Education and have more than three (3) grades of "D", "F", or "W" cannot apply to the Associate in Science in Funeral Service Education Program.

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA while admitted to Associate in Science program or be withdrawn from the program.

Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for 2 out of 3 semesters in an academic year or they will be removed from the program.

Students who are withdrawn from the program may re-apply for admission.

Students may take up to 12 credit hours of course requirements at another institution while admitted to the Associate in Science degree program.

The last 30 hours of **major subject content** of the Associate in Science degree must be completed at the home institution.

Students are strongly encouraged to take SPC1017 – Fundamentals of Speech Communication prior to entry of the program.

All laboratory and practical classes must be completed at the home institution.

Students of the program must register for the National Board Examination as administered by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards (www.theconferenceonline.org) to be awarded the Associate in Science degree.