

**Funeral Services – Program 63024
College Credit Certificate**
C.I.P. (0312030102)
Total credits required for the degree is 31

The College Credit Certificate in Funeral Service Education is intended for the individual with a college degree who wishes to pursue licensure as a funeral director only in the State of Florida. This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program are not eligible to take the National Board Examination or any state board examination for which graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.

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.

Students who complete the certificate are NOT eligible to take the National Board Examination administered by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. The Florida State Board Exam is not equivalent to the National Board Exam – Arts and does not satisfy the test requirement for combination funeral director/embalmer in the State of Florida.

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.

Students who plan Funeral Service licensure in other states must contact their respective state boards or other licensing authority to determine licensing requirements.

Course	Course Title	Credits	Pre-/Co-Requisites
Major Course Requirements: 31 Credits Required			
Communications – 3 Credits Required			
ENC 1101	English Composition 1	3	
Humanities – 3 Credits Required			
PHI 2604	Critical Thinking/Ethics	3	Pre-Req ENC 1101
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 2200	Funeral Service Accounting	3	
ACG 2021	Financial Accounting I	3	Co-Req ACG 2021L
ACG 2001	Principles of Accounting I	3	
Group D – 16 Credits Required			
FSE 1000	History of Funeral Service	3	
FSE 1080	Funeral Law	3	
FSE 2060	Funeral Directing	3	
FSE 2061	Thanatology	3	
FSE 2201	Funeral Home Operations	3	
FSE 2932	Professional Review 2	1	Taken in final semester*

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.

In order to be licensed as a funeral director only in the State of Florida using the College Credit Certificate at Miami Dade College:

- Students must have a previous college degree (Associates or Higher) from a regionally accredited institution.
- Students must pass Florida State Board Examination.
- Students must complete a 1 year internship as a funeral director only intern.
- Students must complete the Florida Laws and Rules exam.

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 College Credit Certificate program is completion of all general education classes with a 2.5 GPA or higher along with pre-existing college degree.

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.

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

*Students may take FSE2932 – Professional Review 2 in the final semester of study.