



Funeral Services

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Program Code: 10-528-1

West Allis Campus

This program prepares you for a career as a licensed funeral director and embalmer in a profession that demands compassion, dedication and creativity. Our rigorous curriculum trains students to become among the best funeral directors in the expanding death-care profession. Once accepted into the program, students are immersed in all facets of the funeral profession.

Students are provided a variety of unique learning opportunities through lectures, hands-on labs, field trips, seminars, guest speakers and internships.

Facilities include classrooms, state-of-the-art embalming and restorative art labs, arrangement conference room, merchandise selection room and funeral chapel. Students who complete the program will earn an associate degree and be eligible to take the National Board Exam for funeral directors (required for licensure).

The Funeral Services program at MATC is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097; 816-233-3747; abfse.org.

National Board Passage rates for this program are available on the Funeral Services program webpage. National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at abfse.org in the Directory of Accredited Programs. The American Board of Funeral Service Education - Committee on Accreditation has reaccredited this program for a period of seven years (through October 2028).

Admission Requirements

This program admits students through a petition selection process; see program's webpage at matc.edu to view petition process and all requirements. A minimum of 24 college credits in areas specified by the state examining board are required for admission into this program. See Pathway advisor for information.



Community & Human Services
MILWAUKEE AREA Technical College

For complete information, go to
matc.edu/course-catalog/community-human-services

To apply for financial aid, visit fafsa.gov School Code: 003866

COURSES	Credits
BIOSCI-177 General Anatomy and Physiology ‡.....	4
ENG-195 Written Communication ‡.....	3
(or) ENG-201 English 1 ‡	
FUNERL-106 Thanatochemistry.....	3
PSYCH-199 Psychology of Human Relations.....	3
(or) Any 200-level PSYCH course	
SOCSCI-197 Contemporary American Society.....	3
(or) SOCSCI-210 Death and Dying	
ACCTG-110 Financial Accounting.....	3
BADM-165 Legal Environment of Business.....	3
BIOSCI-197 Microbiology ‡.....	4
ENG-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication ‡.....	3
(or) Any 200-level ENG or SPEECH course	
FUNERL-104 Funeral Service Field Experience I ‡.....	2
FUNERL-110 Introduction to Funeral Service ‡.....	2
FUNERL-112 Laws, Rules and Regulations of Funeral Service ‡.....	3
FUNERL-114 Pathology of Funeral Service ‡.....	2
FUNERL-116 Funeral Service Practices ‡.....	4
FUNERL-121 National Funeral Board Prep I ‡.....	1
FUNERL-134 Embalming Theory ‡.....	3
FUNERL-135 Embalming Lab 1 ‡.....	1
FUNERL-105 Funeral Service Field Experience II ‡.....	2
FUNERL-118 Funeral Service Management ‡.....	3
FUNERL-119 Embalming Lab 2 ‡.....	1
FUNERL-122 National Funeral Board Prep II ‡.....	1
FUNERL-123 Restorative Art ‡.....	3
FUNERL-124 Restorative Art Lab ‡.....	1
FUNERL-136 Funeral Service Science ‡.....	2
FUNERL-137 Funeral Service Management Lab ‡.....	1
FUNERL-153 Psychology of Funeral Service ‡.....	3

TOTAL CREDITS: 64

‡ Prerequisite required.

Program curriculum requirements subject to change.

**Current MATC students should consult their
 Academic Program Plan for specific curriculum
 requirements.**

ABFSE Program Learning Outcomes

- 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.

(For full description, see matc.edu.)

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