

## Awards

<b>Associate Degree:</b>	Associate in Applied Science Funeral Service Education (A55260)
<b>Length of Program:</b>	6 Semesters
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	High School Diploma, Placement Test Equivalent
<b>Diploma:</b>	N.C. Funeral Director (D55260)
<b>Length of Program:</b>	3 Semesters
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	High School Diploma, Placement Test Equivalent
<b>Certificate:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Length of Program:</b>	
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	

### Face to Face Program Requirements

1. Embalming requirements can be met in one of two ways:
  - A. Attending Embalming labs at the College. This is met by attending Embalming Labs once a week for 8 weeks in both sections FSE-211 and 213 or
  - B. While working at a Licensed Funeral Home while enrolled in FSE Work-Based Learning (WBL) 111 and 121. All students enrolled in WBL-121 will also complete an on-campus Certification Embalming Lab with College faculty.
2. Restorative Arts (FSE-216) – Students are required to complete three on-campus labs (18 hours). Dates for these Labs are set at the beginning of the Semester.
3. Funeral Directing Tasks (FSE-215) – Can be satisfied through work experience and/or participation in on-campus simulation labs.

Funeral Service Handbook: [Department of Funeral Service Education \(faytechcc.edu\)](http://www.faytechcc.edu/department-of-funeral-service-education)

Funeral Service Website: [Funeral Service Education - Fayetteville Technical Community College \(faytechcc.edu\)](http://www.faytechcc.edu/funeral-service-education-fayetteville-technical-community-college)

**Note:** Students **may not** take an introductory foreign language to fulfill the Humanities/Fine Arts requirement.

*The NC Board of Funeral Service may refuse to issue a license to an individual with a conviction of a felony or a crime involving fraud or moral turpitude.*

"The annual passage rate of first-time takers on the National Board Examination (NBE) for the most recent three-year period for this institution and all ABFSE accredited funeral service education programs is posted on the ABFSE web site ([www.abfse.org](http://www.abfse.org))."

*The Funeral Service Education associate degree program at Fayetteville Technical Community College is accredited by: American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097, Telephone (816) 233-3747, Web: [www.abfse.org](http://www.abfse.org)*

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## Other Important Information

### License or Certification for N.C. Funeral Director Diploma:

Graduates are eligible to take the North Carolina State Board Exam for Funeral Directing. This academic program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Student Graduating from this program are not eligible to take the National Board Examination or any State board examination for which graduation from an ABFSE program is required.

**Application Deadlines:** None

**Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services:** Scholarships/Title IV Financial Aid/Veteran's assistance may be available for associate degrees. Certificates and diplomas that fall under this program/area of study **may or may not be eligible** for Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, Student Center, Room 2; Telephone (910) 678-8242. Veterans Services, General Classroom Building, Room 202, (910) 678-8580.

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Refer to the FTCC website for the most current information.  
Go to [www.faytechcc.edu](http://www.faytechcc.edu) and click on College Catalog.

# FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION



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# PROGRAM FACT SHEET FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION (A55260)



The Funeral Service Education curriculum provides students with the opportunity to acquire the funeral service education necessary to become proficient in basic funeral service skills.

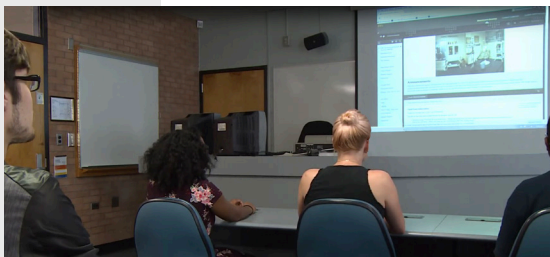
In addition to the general education courses offered in the curriculum, technical courses such as human anatomy, embalming theory and practice, embalming chemistry, restorative arts, funeral law, and funeral home operations are taught.

Graduates of the curriculum, upon passing the National Board Exam and completing a resident traineeship in a funeral home, will be qualified for employment as funeral directors and/or embalmers in any state. Note that graduates must also pass that particular state's funeral laws and rules exam, prior to gaining licensure.

### Funeral Service Education Program Objectives:

The Funeral Service Education Program at Fayetteville Technical Community College and American Board of Funeral Service Education's objectives are to educate students in every phase of funeral service so that this FSE Program graduates are prepared for entry level employment in funeral service. The FSE Program has adopted the following Learning Outcomes and the student will be able to:

1. Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
2. Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
3. Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
4. Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
5. Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
6. Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
7. Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation, and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
8. Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
9. Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
10. Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.



# FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION (A55260)

Effective: Fall 2024

Revised: 02/12/24

Length: 6 Semesters

Prerequisite: High School Diploma, Placement Test Equivalent

Award: Associate in Applied Science

### FALL SEMESTER 1

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credit
COM	231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SOC	210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elec	3	0	0	3
		Nat. Science/Math Elective	2	2	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>

### SPRING SEMESTER 1

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credit
ACC	111	Financial Accounting	3	0	0	3
ACC	120	Princ of Financial Accounting	3	2	0	4
BUS	115	Business Law I	3	0	0	3
BUS	230	Small Business Mgt	3	0	0	3
PSY	141	Psych of Death and Dying	3	0	0	3
		Major Elective	3	0	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

### SUMMER SEMESTER 1

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credit
FSE	112	Princ of Funeral Service	3	0	0	3
FSE	118	Embalming Anatomy	4	0	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

### FALL SEMESTER 2

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credit
FSE	120	Embalming Microbiology	3	0	0	3
FSE	210	Embalming Theory I	3	0	0	3
FSE	211	Embalming Lab I	0	2	0	1
or						
WBL	111	Work-Based Learning I	0	0	10	1
FSE	215	Funeral Home Operations	3	0	0	3
FSE	216	Restorative Arts	2	2	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### SPRING SEMESTER 2

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credit
FSE	114	Embalming Chemistry	3	0	0	3
FSE	116	Funeral Law and Ethics	3	0	0	3
FSE	212	Embalming Theory II	3	0	0	3
FSE	213	Embalming Lab II	0	2	0	1
or						
WBL	121	Work-Based Learning II	0	0	10	1
FSE	214	Pathology	3	0	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

### SUMMER SEMESTER 2

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp.	Credit
FSE	217	Funeral Service Projects	1	2	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS.....68**

### NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - Fayetteville

Single Year	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate	Single Year	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2022 Arts	31	48%	69%	2022 Sciences	31	52%	64%
2021 Arts	31	46%	68%	2021 Sciences	36	47%	57%
2020 Arts	31	55%	73%	2020 Sciences	29	52%	64%

### Accreditation

**Program Accreditation by ABFSE:** Associate of Applied Science - Funeral Service Education  
Initial Accreditation 1973/Last comprehensive review 2016/Next comprehensive review 2023  
Re-accreditation: April 2017 for period of 7 years with no stipulations  
Most recent Accreditation decision: April 2019-program returned to good standing. (Removed from Probation status)

**National Board Examination** pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at [www.abfse.org](http://www.abfse.org) in the Directory of Accredited Programs. To request a printed copy of this program's rates, go to Cumberland Hall, Room 311 or the funeral service program web site <http://www.faytechcc.edu/academics/public-service/funeral-service-education/>, by email at [bullardja@faytechcc.edu](mailto:bullardja@faytechcc.edu) or by telephone (910) 678-8301.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION - Fayetteville Technical Community College

Year	Total Enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate	Did Not Finish**	Overall % Employed	Employed in FS
2022	245	129	63	55/63	87%	4	83%	46%
2021	243	105	54	48/54	90%	23	76%	67%
2020	216	99	72	60/72	83%	2	81%	81%

\*Timely graduation = complete program in 1-1/2 times designatin program length. \*\*Left before completing the program; did not finish.