



Associate of Applied Science Funeral Service

2026-2027 Catalog

Program Overview

The Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service is a distance learning program designed to teach students the skills necessary for employment as a funeral director and embalmer. Students in the program will learn how to recognize the importance of the care of the bereaved and the deceased, how to conduct funeral service ceremonies and funeral arrangement conferences with families, preserve and restore a dead human body through embalming, be aware of proper workplace safety guidelines for funeral service practitioners, and cremation procedures. Recognizing the importance of the care of the bereaved, the College has designed a curriculum not only to educate the student in the care of the deceased, but also in the care of the living.

- Total Credit Hours Required: 60 credits
- Program Length: 2 years
- Delivery Format: Online + Clinical
- Credentials Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
- ADHE Degree Code: 0508

Fall Term

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Hours	Notes
ENGL 10103	Composition I	3	
HIST 21103	U.S. History I	3	
MATH 11103 or MATH 11003	Quantitative Literacy or College Algebra	3	
BUSI 10103	Introduction to Business	3	
BIOL 10213	Basic Anatomy	3	
	Term Total	15	The above courses are prerequisite courses for the Funeral Service program.

Spring Term

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Hours	Notes
ENGL 10203	Composition II	3	
PLSC 20003	American Government	3	
SPCH 10003	Principles of Speech	3	
CHEM 11123	Basic Chemistry	3	
	Term Total	12	The above courses are prerequisite courses for the Funeral Service program.

Students must be accepted into the Funeral Service program to complete core courses.

Summer Semester

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Hours	Notes
FSED 10001	Funeral Service Orientation & Ethics	1	
FSED 10002	History of Funeral Service	2	
	Term Total	3	The above courses are core courses for the Funeral Service program.

Fall Term

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Hours	Notes
FSED 22203	Business & Funeral Law	3	
FSED 10303	Funeral Directing	3	
FSED 11003	Embalming I	3	
FSED 11801	Clinical I	1	
FSED 13103	Funeral Merchandising & Management	3	
FSED 21003	Funeral Psychology/Sociology	3	
	Term Total	16	The above courses are core courses for the Funeral Service program.

Spring Term

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Hours	Notes
FSED 12003	Embalming II	3	
FSED 11901	Clinical II	1	
FSED 10104	Restorative Art	4	
FSED 22103	Microbiology/Pathology	3	
FSED 22003	Comprehensive Review	3	
	Term Total	14	The above courses are core courses for the Funeral Service program.

Program Requirements

- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is expected at the end of each semester to remain in funeral service education courses. A grade of C or higher is required in any course with an FSED prefix, or the course must be repeated.
- Students not meeting placement requirements in math and English must enroll in the appropriate sequential academic skills math, reading, and/or English course(s) during their first semester in college and each subsequent semester until the requirements are completed. Any degree-seeking student enrolled in academic skills must also take EDGE 10003 College Life Skills in the first semester of enrollment.
- See Funeral Service Program director for complete information.

Stackable Credentials

Funeral Director, Certificate of Proficiency

ADHE Degree Code: 1509

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FSED 10001	Funeral Service Orientation & Ethics	1	
FSED 10002	History of Funeral Service	2	
FSED 22203	Business & Funeral Law	3	
FSED 10303	Funeral Directing	3	
FSED 13103	Funeral Merchandising & Management	3	
FSED 21003	Funeral Psychology/Sociology	3	
	Total Credit Hours for Certificate of Proficiency	15	

Funeral Director, Technical Certificate

ADHE Degree Code: 0509

For Technical Certificate students will complete the Certificate of Proficiency Funeral Director courses (15 credit hours) plus the following courses.

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Hours	Notes
ENGL 10103	Composition I	3	
HIST 21103	U.S. History I	3	
BUSI 10103	Introduction to Business	3	
PLSC 20003	American Government	3	
SPCH 10003	Principles of Speech	3	
	Total Credit Hours for Technical Certificate	30	

Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS)

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Courses not having an ACTS number may also transfer. Please consult the receiving institution for complete transfer information. To review the Arkansas Course Transfer System, visit <https://adhe.edu/students-parents/transfer-info-for-students>.