



Wayne
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Pre-Mortuary Science

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The median annual wage for all funeral service occupations was \$58,310 in May 2019.

JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of funeral service workers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Those who are licensed as both funeral directors and embalmers and are willing to relocate should have the best job opportunities.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, May 2020, Funeral Service Occupations, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/funeral-service-occupations.htm>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Pre-Mortuary Science Associate of Science degree program prepares students for entrance into a mortuary science program and an eventual career as a mortician. This program is designed in accordance with the Mortuary Science program at Wayne State University, which is the only institution in Michigan that prepares students for State certification in mortuary science. Because entrance into the WSU program is competitive, a minimum requirement for application is completion of at least 68 credit hours with a grade of 'C' or better as outlined in the WSU graduate bulletin.



WHAT DO MORTUARY SCIENCE WORKERS DO?

Funeral directors perform various tasks to arrange and direct funeral services, such as coordinating transportation of body to mortuary, interviewing family or other authorized person to arrange details, selecting pallbearers, aiding with the selection of officials for religious rites, and providing transportation for mourners. Morticians and undertakers oversee the preparation and care of the remains of people who have died, and perform embalming duties as necessary.

WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Funeral service workers mostly work in funeral homes and crematories. They often are on call and work long hours, including evenings and weekends. Most work full-time.

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Recommended Sequence of Courses

Pre-Mortuary Science:

Associate of Science (A.S.)

CR. No.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
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SEMESTER 1

ENG 119	English I	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
BIO 155	Introductory Biology	4
Elective:	Humanities	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		13

SEMESTER 2

ENG 120	English II	3
PSY 101	Introductory Psychology	3
BIO 240	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BUS 150	Introduction to Business	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		13

SEMESTER 3

SPH 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
MAT 155	College Algebra	4
BIO 250	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BUS 240	Business Communications	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		14

SEMESTER 4

ACC 110	Principles of Accounting I	4
BIO 295	Microbiology	4
BUS 225	Computer Applications in Business	3
PHL 221	Ethics	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		14

SEMESTER 5

ANT 154	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
CHM 105	Introduction to Chemistry	4
PS 101	American Government	3
PSY 260	Social Psychology	3
SEMESTER TOTAL		13
A.S. PROGRAM TOTAL		67

Note: Program total hours may not include prerequisites.

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