



## **Committee on Accreditation Actions:**

### **June 2022**

**The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs during a June 23, 2022 virtual meeting:**

**Removed from Probation:** return to Good Standing

**Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Decatur, GA**

Having satisfactorily addressed probation issues, re-accreditation of the program is granted for a period of seven (7) years.

A mid-cycle review will be scheduled for 2025.

### **Other COA action:**

Committee on Accreditation serves as gatekeeper for single purpose, non-regionally accredited (or other nationally accredited) institutions. These institutions are subject to a scheduled mid-cycle review. This replaces 'unannounced' visits utilized in the past.

### **April 2022**

**The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs at the April 5-6, 2022 meeting in Dallas, TX:**

**Re-accreditation** for a period of seven (7) years

**Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA**

Reaccredited with no stipulations.

COA recognized the strength of the faculty and college leadership in general, financial support for the program and an exemplary assessment plan.

**Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA**

Reaccredited with stipulation to submit an updated affiliation agreement template by June 1, 2022.

COA recognizes the strength of the faculty and overall level of institutional commitment to the program, the strong record of student success on the national licensing examinations, and comprehensive syllabi for all courses in the program.

**Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, TX**

Reaccredited with stipulation to submit an updated assessment plan that incorporates Program Learning Outcomes as identified in Standard 2 with the 2022 ABFSE Annual Report.

COA acknowledged the level of institutional support for the program, leadership of the program director and the dedication of the program faculty, modern facilities and a supportive Advisory Board.

**University of District of Columbia Community College, Washington, DC**

Reaccredited with stipulation to submit an updated assessment plan that includes evidence that Program Learning Outcomes are integrated and utilized in the assessment process. An updated assessment plan is to accompany the 2022 Annual Report.

COA acknowledges the state-of-the-art facilities that support the program, diversity of the administration, opportunities for internal professional development and overall institutional support of the program.

**Initial Accreditation** for a period of here (3) years.

**North Shore Community College, Danvers, MA**

Initial Accreditation is granted with no stipulations.

COA recognized the administrative support for the program, the Advisory Committee commitment to the fledgling program and the level of commitment demonstrated by the program director.

**Arkansas State University, Mountain Home, AR**

Initial Accreditation is granted with no stipulations.

COA acknowledged the long-standing commitment of the program Advisory Committee, the development of the program assessment plan and the efforts to add a second full-time faculty member.

**Removed from Probation:** return to Good Standing

**Florida State College, Jacksonville, FL**

Having satisfactorily addressed probation issues, re-accreditation of the program is granted for a period of seven (7) years.

**Ivy Tech Central, Indianapolis, IN**

Hiring of a new Program Director removed the probation status and returns the program to good standing for admission of the Spring 2022 class.

### **Probation**

#### **American River College, Sacramento, CA**

Probation status requires the following issues to be addressed by March 1, 2023:

- Provide evidence that program records are effectively maintained including appropriate institutional oversight policies to ensure maintenance and continuity in the event of personnel changes.
- Ensure consistent documentation and record-keeping for mandatory evaluation of student competencies in embalming and funeral directing.
- Update agreements for use of off-campus instructional sites
- Provide evidence that a documented assessment plan is in place to measure program effectiveness and to implement necessary improvements.
- Provide evidence that all deficiencies cited in the prior comprehensive review and site visit have been addressed.

In addition, the program must assure that the program website and publicly distributed materials have a uniform message including the proper accreditation statement.

#### **American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service (AAMI), New York, NY**

AAMI made significant strides to address probation status. However, the probation is extended for one year (until April 2023). At that time, a clearly articulated and integrated assessment plan must be presented. Such a plan will demonstrate a mechanism for collecting, assessing and applying data in order for assessment efforts to lead to continuous program improvement.

Other actions taken by the Committee on Accreditation did not affect the accredited status of the programs involved.

The following institutions/programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the next scheduled meeting October 19, 2022. Location to be determined.

### **Re-accreditation:**

**Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Cincinnati, OH**

**Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS**

**Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL**

**Worsham College, Wheeling, IL**

The above schedule is subject to change.

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**Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to September 1, 2022.**

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