



Committee on Accreditation Actions:

April 2023

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 11-12, 2023 meeting in Atlanta, GA:

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

Salt Lake Community College, West Jordan, UT

Reaccredited with no stipulations.

COA recognized the strength of the faculty, college and advisory council support for the program, a detailed and comprehensive embalming certification process and an exemplary assessment plan.

St. Petersburg College, Pinellas Park, FL

Reaccredited with no stipulations.

COA acknowledged the dedicated program director and faculty, the overall level of institutional commitment to the program and the supportive Advisory Board.

University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

Reaccredited with no stipulations.

COA acknowledged the level of institutional support for the program in the number of full-time faculty assigned to the program and release time for the program director, the collegial, student-centered culture that exists, excellent library facilities and the opportunities for exceptional clinical experience.

Approval to offer Distance Education

Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Kirkland, WA

Removed from Probation: return to good standing

AAMI, New York, NY

Having satisfactorily addressed probation issues, re-accreditation of the program is granted for a period of three (3) years with stipulations to provide an updated assessment plan and Curriculum Distribution by ABFSE Content Area.

American River College, Sacramento, CA

Having satisfactorily addressed probation issues, re-accreditation of the program is granted for a period of seven (7) retroactive from 2022. A Focus Visit will be scheduled when the program completes the anticipated move into new facilities.

Kansas City Kansas Community College, Kansas City, KS

Having satisfactorily addressed probation issues, re-accreditation of the program is granted for a period of seven (7) years with the stipulation to provide an updated assessment plan populated with current 2023 data by March 1, 2024.

Removed from Administrative Probation: return to good standing after submitting delinquent reports and/or payment of associated fees.

East Mississippi Community College – Scooba, MS

Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis, TN

Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville, Catonsville, MD

Probation

Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY

The Mortuary Science program is on Probation status for one year and is expected to address the following issues regarding accreditation standards 1,3,5,7,9,10:

- Provide evidence of Advisory Board meetings and the institutional process for internal communications.
- Provide evidence that program records are effectively maintained.
- Update course syllabi.
- Ensure consistent documentation and record-keeping for mandatory evaluation of student competencies in embalming and funeral directing.
- Update affiliation agreements for use of off-campus instructional sites.
- Update the program's student handbook.
- Provide evidence that a documented assessment plan is in place to measure program effectiveness and to implement necessary improvements.

Probation status requires the designated issues to be addressed in two stages. The first response is due September 1, 2023 and the completed response by March 1, 2024.

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 18-19, 2023. Charlotte, NC.

Re-accreditation:

East Mississippi Community College, Scooba, MS

Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY

Mid-America College of Funeral Service, Jeffersonville, IN
Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

The following institutions/programs will be considered for approval to offer Distance Education following a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the next scheduled meeting October 18-19, 2023. Charlotte, NC.

Approval to offer Distance Education

Cape Cod Community College, Bridgewater, MA
Goodwin University, E. Hartford, CT

The above schedule is subject to change.

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to September 1, 2023.

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