

# Accreditation Information:

NTCC's funeral service certificate program is designed to meet specific state or professional needs. It is not accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students graduating from this program are not eligible to take the National Board Examination or any state board examination for which graduation from an ABFSE accredited program is required.

## Licensure Requirements Vary from State to State:

Northeast Texas Community College's Funeral Service Education program offers courses, an associate degree, and a certificate program. Successful completion of the listed programs may lead to professional licensure, registration, or certification. Licensure, registration, or certification may be global, national, or state-specific. These programs meet the requirements of the State of Texas. Requirements for other states may vary. If you currently live in a state other than Texas or intend to move to a state other than Texas and use the education completed at NTCC's Funeral Service program to sit for such an exam, be aware of additional requirements. Please contact the appropriate administering body and/or the program to discuss your intentions. Please visit our website to review whether NTCC's Funeral Service program meets your state requirements:

<https://www.ntcc.edu/academics/programs-study/health-sciences/funeral-services/accreditation>



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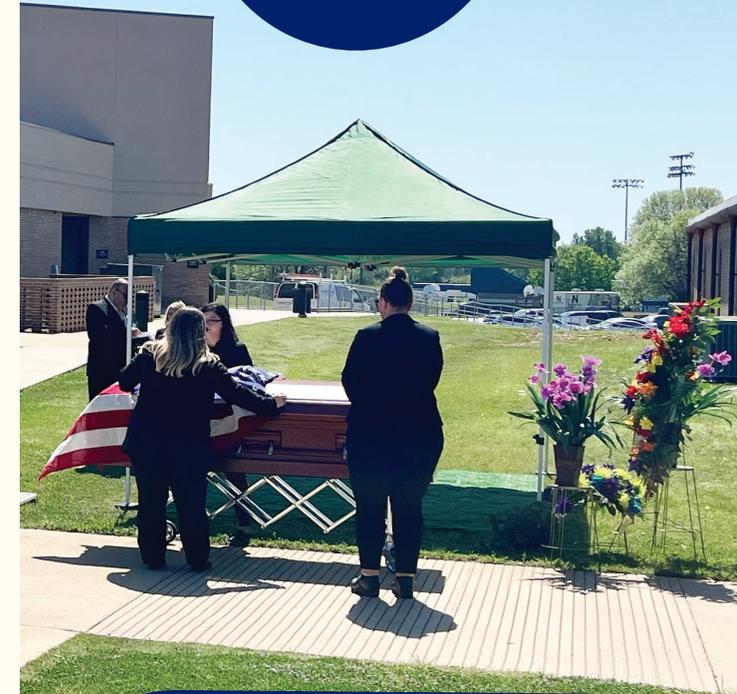
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**FUNERAL  
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EDUCATION**

**Certificate**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Today's funeral directors specialize in many areas. This unique career requires the ability to have sympathy and provide empathy for those struggling with loss. As a licensed professional, a funeral director must be able to assist and support the bereaved and provide various special skills for preparing arrangements for viewings, funeral services, and disposition. Students will also learn ethical funeral home management and applicable laws enforced by the regulatory agencies that oversee death care.

The Funeral Directing Certificate program offers a full-time, 10-month program online. Certificate students focus on merchandising, business management and practices, accounting, psychology, and an introductory overview of embalming and restorative art practices. The certificate program also offers a specialized cremation course, incorporating the Cremation Association of North America's (CANA) Crematory Operations Certification Program (COCP). Students who pass CANA's COCP exam have the opportunity to receive a Crematory Operator's Certification at the end of the term.

Our online courses have been designed with the student in mind. We offer flexibility while still having instructor-led content that offers regular and substantial interactions between students and instructors and between classmates. Students will be required to participate in clinical/internship hours at a funeral facility local to them. Our clinical lab instructor works with you to facilitate practical experiences that work within your schedule and within a reasonable distance from your home.



## PATHWAY

### Semester 1

MRTS 1330 Funeral Service Internship Orientation  
MRTS 1342 Mortuary Management I  
ENGL 2311 Technical and Business Writing  
MRTS 1301 Contemporary Funeral Service Practices  
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology

**Total Credit Hours: 15**

### Semester 2

MRTS 1320 Crematory Operations  
MRTS 1271 Funeral Service State Board Preparation  
MRTS 2335 Mortuary Jurisprudence  
MRTS 2342 Mortuary Management II  
PSYT 1325 Death and Dying  
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking

**Total Credit Hours: 17**

**Total Program Hours: 32**



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## JOB OUTLOOK

Overall employment of funeral service workers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2020 to 2030. About 4,000 openings for funeral service workers are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Most of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

For more information, please visit the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/funeral-service-occupations.htm#tab-1>.

