

Mortuary Science is a field of human and community service which offers a variety of work, intellectual challenge and satisfaction of helping the bereaved through life's most trying period. The program prepares individuals to become a mortuary science practitioner, funeral director and embalmer.

Accreditation Status: The Mortuary Science Program at Arapahoe Community College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE). The Board can be reached at 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097, 816.233.3747, www.abfse.org.

Required Courses	Credits	Pre or Co Reqs Rqd	Course Availability		
			Fall	Spr	Sum
General Education Courses					
• ACC 121 - Accounting Principles I	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab: GT-SC1*	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab: GT-SC1	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• BUS 216 - Legal Environment of Business	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• COM 125 - Interpersonal Communication	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1*	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• MAN 128 - Human Relations in Organizations	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major Courses					
• HPR 240 - Role of Death & Bereavement in Society	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 100 - Introduction to Funeral Service	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 210 - Embalming Theory I with Lab	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 215 - Funeral Merchandising	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 220 - Mortuary Law and Compliance	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 224 - Thanato-Microbiology/Pathology	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 235 - Funeral Directing and Counseling	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 243 - Thanatochemistry	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 260 - National Board Exam Review	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• MOR 280 - Internship	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pre-Requisites, Co-Requisites, and Recommendations (grade C or better required)

Where requirements are listed as course categories (e.g. Electives, Arts/Humanities) rather than as specific courses, please note that depending upon course choice, pre-requisites may be required.

BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab: GT-SC1*

- Pre-Requisite: BIO 111 - General College Biology I with Lab: GT-SC1 OR Score of 75+ on Biology Placement Test

BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab: GT-SC1

- Pre-Requisite: BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab: GT-SC1

ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1*

- Co-Requisite: CCR 094 - Studio 121

HPR 240 - Role of Death & Bereavement in Society

- Pre-Requisite: PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II

MOR 210 - Embalming Theory I with Lab

- Pre-Requisite: ACC 121 - Accounting Principles I
- Pre-Requisite: BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology GT SCI OR BIO 106 - Basic Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Pre-Requisite: BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab: GT-SC1
- Pre-Requisite: BUS 216 - Legal Environment of Business
- Pre-Requisite: COM 125 - Interpersonal Communication
- Pre-Requisite: ENG 121 - English Composition I : GT-CO1
- Pre-Requisite: MAN 128 - Human Relations in Organizations
- Pre-Requisite: PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II

MOR 215 - Funeral Merchandising

- Co-Requisite: MOR 220 - Mortuary Law and Compliance
- Pre-Requisite: BUS 216 - Legal Environment of Business

MOR 220 - Mortuary Law and Compliance

- Co-Requisite: MOR 215 - Funeral Merchandising
- Pre-Requisite: BUS 216 - Legal Environment of Business

MOR 224 - Thanato-Microbiology/Pathology

- Pre-Requisite: BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology GT SCI

MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab

- Co-Requisite: MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 210 - Embalming Theory I with Lab

MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab

- Co-Requisite: MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab

MOR 235 - Funeral Directing and Counseling

- Co-Requisite: MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab
- Co-Requisite: MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab

MOR 243 - Thanatochemistry

- Pre-Requisite: MOR 224 - Thanato-Microbiology/Pathology

MOR 260 - National Board Exam Review

- Co-Requisite: MOR 280 - Internship

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- Pre-Requisite: HPR 240 - Role of Death & Bereavement in Society
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 100 - Introduction to Funeral Service
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 210 - Embalming Theory I with Lab
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 215 - Funeral Merchandising
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 220 - Mortuary Law and Compliance
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 224 - Thanato-Microbiology/Pathology
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 235 - Funeral Directing and Counseling
- Pre-Requisite: MOR 243 - Thanatochemistry

Program Outcomes

- Identify legal relationship, right duties and liabilities between the funeral director and the dead body and the consumer, and distinguish between legalistic and ethical conduct for the funeral service practitioner.
- Recognize the significance of historical funeral practices to contemporary funeral service.
- Explain special management procedures of those cases involving infections, traumatic, pathological conditions, and communicable diseases.
- Understand the primary responsibilities of a funeral director.
- Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
- Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
- Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
- Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
- Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
- Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
- Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation, and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
- Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
- Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
- Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.

Notes

- *This course requires college level readiness as measured by Accuplacer, ACT, or SAT scores; approved high school course work that is less than five years old; or successful completion of appropriate college-readiness course.
- AAA 101 – College 101: Student Experience is required for all new college students seeking degrees or transfer.
- All MOR courses must be completed within four years of starting the Major Courses.
- Course availability is subject to change.
- FULL TIME TRACK: This specially designed curriculum is for full-time students who have finished ALL General Education and Related Courses from the Curriculum Requirements. If you have met these requirements, you can complete the entire program in three semesters. BIO 201 must be completed before starting either track. (27 credits).



- HPR 240 and MOR 100 are open enrollment with completed prerequisites; enrollment in all other Major Courses requires official acceptance into the Mortuary Science program.
- In order to meet program requirements, students registered for ENG 121 or ENG 131 must also register for CCR 094 unless they can demonstrate otherwise meeting the CCR 094 standard through assessment testing, prior college coursework, or recent High School coursework. See an Advisor for details.
- PART TIME TRACK - This specifically designed curriculum is for part-time students. To enroll in this option you must have completed or be near completion of all General Education and Related Courses. Students may not start this track if more than two General Education and Related Courses need to be completed. BIO 201 must be completed before starting either track. If two General Education courses are lacking, they must be completed in the first year. (21-27 credits).
- Refer to 20/21 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this degree.

Graduation Requirements

- To graduate, students must apply for graduation (form available at www.arapahoe.edu/departments-and-programs/graduation) by the deadline and meet all degree requirements.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE FULL-TIME TRACK

General Ed Req	Credits	Course
	4	ACC 121 - Accounting Principles I
	4	BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab: GT-SC1
	4	BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab: GT-SC1
	3	BUS 216 - Legal Environment of Business
	3	COM 125 - Interpersonal Communication
	3	ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1
	3	MAN 128 - Human Relations in Organizations
	3	PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II
Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	MOR 100 - Introduction to Funeral Service
	4	MOR 210 - Embalming Theory I with Lab
	3	MOR 215 - Funeral Merchandising
	3	MOR 220 - Mortuary Law and Compliance
	4	MOR 224 - Thanato-Microbiology/Pathology
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	HPR 240 - Role of Death & Bereavement in Society
	4	MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab
	4	MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab
	3	MOR 235 - Funeral Directing and Counseling
	3	MOR 243 - Thanatochemistry
Year 1: Summer	Credits	Course
	1	MOR 260 - National Board Exam Review
	4	MOR 280 - Internship

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

General Ed Req	Credits	Course
	4	ACC 121 - Accounting Principles I
	4	BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab: GT-SC1
	4	BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab: GT-SC1
	3	BUS 216 - Legal Environment of Business
	3	COM 125 - Interpersonal Communication
	3	ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1
	3	MAN 128 - Human Relations in Organizations
	3	PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II
Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	MOR 100 - Introduction to Funeral Service
	4	MOR 224 - Thanato-Microbiology/Pathology
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	HPR 240 - Role of Death & Bereavement in Society
	3	MOR 243 - Thanatochemistry
Year 2: Fall	Credits	Course
	4	MOR 210 - Embalming Theory I with Lab
	3	MOR 215 - Funeral Merchandising
	3	MOR 220 - Mortuary Law and Compliance
Year 2: Spring	Credits	Course
	4	MOR 225 - Embalming Theory II and Lab
	4	MOR 230 - Restorative Art with Lab
	3	MOR 235 - Funeral Directing and Counseling
Year 2: Summer	Credits	Course
	1	MOR 260 - National Board Exam Review
	4	MOR 280 - Internship