

PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE

Undergraduate Credit Required	60 undergraduate hours required for licensure
Entrance Exam	None
Professional Schooling Required	Associate's Degree
Local Professional Schools	None in Nebraska
Professional Organization Websites	abfse.org (American Board of Funeral Service Education)

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION

Since students attending a mortuary science program will earn an associate's degree, a baccalaureate degree from UNL is not required prior to admission. UNL offers coursework required at the undergraduate level as specified by the state of Nebraska licensure requirements for funeral directing and embalming. These hours must be earned **in addition** to a full course of instruction in a school of mortuary science; hours earned as part of the mortuary degree or diploma cannot be used towards meeting these 60 hours. Licensure requirements vary by state.

REQUIRED COURSES & RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED UNL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The following requirements fulfill the licensure requirements for the state of Nebraska. Students should contact the specific mortuary science program regarding course requirements for the school's associate degree. A directory of accredited mortuary science programs can be found at <http://www.abfse.org/html/dir-listing.html>.

Math Requirement: Some required science courses, like chemistry, require math as a prerequisite. See your pre-health advisor for math placement information.

REQUIRED COURSES

English Composition – 6 hours		
ENGL 101, 150, 151, 254, or 354		
Course	Term	Grade
ENGL		
ENGL		
Accounting – 6 hours		
ACCT 201 and 202		
Course	Term	Grade
ACCT		
ACCT		
Psychology – 2 courses		
PSYC 181 and upper level course		
Course	Term	Grade
PSYC 181		
PSYC		

Biological Sciences (relating to the human body) – 12 hours		
BIOS 101/101L, 213/213L, or 214		
LIFE 120/120L, 121/121L		
Course	Term	Grade
Chemistry with lab – 1 sequence		
CHEM 109 and 110 or 113, 114, and 221		
Course	Term	Grade
CHEM		
CHEM		
Elective courses to total 60 total undergraduate hours		
Choose any college credit courses to support your pre-mortuary science studies		
Course	Term	Grade

Suggested Sequence of Science Courses

Semester 1

General Chemistry I with lab

Semester 2

General Chemistry II with lab

Semester 3

Biological Science course
Biological Science course

Semester 4

Biological Science course

EXTRA CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

Pursuing pre-mortuary science requires more than just coursework. Your extracurricular activities, employment, and healthcare experiences like shadowing and volunteering will contribute greatly to your success in this field. See your pre-health advisor in the Explore Center to plan extracurricular activities that will prepare you for this program.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

- Application: Students interested in pursuing the associate's degree in applied science at an accredited mortuary science school will follow the specific application procedures for each school. A directory of accredited programs in mortuary science can be found at abfse.org
- Entrance exam: No entrance exam is required.
- Additional admission requirements: Some programs will require an interview and receipt of letters of recommendation prior to admittance to the program.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Important licensure information can be found by contacting each state's public health and human services department. For licensure requirements for the state of Nebraska, please visit dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Licensure/Documents/FuneralDirEmbalmerApp.pdf.

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