

MORTUARY SCIENCE (B.S.)

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The Mortuary Science bachelor degree program at Wayne State University is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (816) 233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org (<http://www.abfse.org/>).

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Wayne State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and complies with its provisions on ethical and responsible conduct as defined in Higher Learning Commission Assumed Practices, Number CRRT.B.10.020.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
2. Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
3. Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
4. Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
5. Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
6. Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
7. Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation, and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
8. Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
9. Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
10. Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.

Traditional and Online Courses

Courses are offered in traditional and online formats. Please see the Mortuary Science Student Handbook (http://cphs.wayne.edu/mortuary-science/pdf/student_handbook.pdf) for additional information and requirements for online courses.

Clinical Requirements

Students must complete embalming and funeral directing clinical requirements as listed in the Mortuary Science Student Handbook (http://cphs.wayne.edu/mortuary-science/pdf/student_handbook.pdf).

Academic Advising and Transcript Evaluations

Academic advising, transcript evaluations, and questions regarding transfer credits are available through email to cphsinfo@wayne.edu or by calling 313-577-1716.

Grading Policy

Minimum Grade

Students in the Mortuary Science Program are required to maintain a program curriculum minimum GPA of 2.75 for continued enrollment and satisfactory completion. GPA is calculated at the end of each semester to determine whether continued enrollment is possible. Each course must be passed with a grade of "C" or better. A grade of less than "C" will result in dismissal from the program.

Grade of 'F'

A grade of 'F' indicates that the required class was failed. No credit will be given for the course. Receiving a grade of F in any course will result in dismissal from the program.

Mark of 'I'

A mark of 'I' indicates that course requirements were not completed or submitted as required. The mark is given at the discretion of the instructor. The student is required to meet with the instructor and submit a written Plan of Work confirming the agreement regarding the method, manner and timing of completing the requirements. Failure to complete requirements by the established deadline will result in the 'I' mark being converted to an 'F'.

Unless otherwise noted in a course syllabus, the following scale will be used in course grading:

93 - 100% A
90 - 92% A-
87 - 89% B+
83 - 86% B
80 - 82% B-
77 - 79% C+
73 - 76% C
70 - 72% C-
67 - 69% D+
63 - 66% D
60 - 62% D-
below 60% F

Final grades for MS 3970, MS 3980, and MS 4000 will be entered as P or N (pass or no-pass) based on the completion of required hours, tasks and activities.

Grades may be viewed in Academics (<http://academics.aws.wayne.edu/>). Grades are usually posted within 24 hours of an instructor submitting them. You will receive an e-mail informing you when grades are posted.

Time Limitations

Students may enroll full-time for three consecutive semesters (1 year to complete the program) or part-time for six consecutive semesters (2 years to complete the program). Students must complete the Program within two years of initial admission. Students who fail to complete the program within two years of initial admission must: (1) re-apply to the program and (2) fulfill all program requirements, including additional or different coursework in effect at the time of re-application.

Professional Licensure

The Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science from Wayne State University meets or exceeds the educational requirements for licensure in every state.

Admission Requirements

1. Minimum of 2.75 GPA
2. All pre-professional coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)-required only if English is not your first language
4. Minimum of 64 credits, including all program-specific pre-requisites and University General Education requirements.
5. Pre-professional coursework taken at an accredited college or university is acceptable
6. Completion of all pre-professional courses by the end of the spring/summer semester before admission to the program (unless an exception is granted by the program)
7. All applicants must attend one monthly Information Meeting at the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Applicants who have been previously dismissed from the program must have a minimum cumulative GPA and program GPA of 2.75 to be eligible for readmission.

How to Apply

Students must submit the Mortuary Science Program Application (<http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/mortuary-science/apply.php>). The application deadline is June 15th of the year an applicant wants to enter the program.

Degree Requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science must satisfactorily complete:

1. Sixty-four credits of Program-Specific Prerequisites and General Education requirements listed below;
2. Fifty-six credits in the Mortuary Science professional program curriculum;
3. Embalming and Funeral Directing clinical requirements as listed in the Mortuary Science Student Handbook (http://cphs.wayne.edu/mortuary-science/pdf/student_handbook.pdf)
4. The Arts and Sciences sections of the National Board Examination within thirty days of completion of coursework.

All prerequisite, general education, and professional courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. The overall GPA for professional courses must be 2.75 or higher.

Pre-professional Program

There are two components of coursework that must be completed prior to beginning the Mortuary Science program: (1) program-specific prerequisites; and (2) University General Education requirements (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/general-education/>). The professional curriculum in Mortuary Science consists of fifty-six credits, so an applicant must earn sixty-four credits, including the program prerequisites and general education requirements before entering the program. If the General Education and program prerequisites do not add up to sixty-four credits, elective courses must be taken to complete the sixty-four total credits needed prior to entering the program. This sixty-four plus fifty-six formula equals the 120 total credits required for the Bachelor of Science degree. The courses below are listed by their title and course number at Wayne State University. For comparable courses at other colleges, students should consult the Office of Transfer Credit (<http://transfercredit.wayne.edu>).

Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

Prerequisites for Students Without a Prior Bachelor's Degree

Code	Title	Credits
BIO 1510 & BIO 1511	Basic Life Mechanisms and Basic Life Mechanisms Laboratory	4
BIO 2870	Anatomy and Physiology	5
MLS 3330	Medical Terminology	1
CHM 1000	Chemistry and Your World	4
COM 1010	Oral Communication: Basic Speech	3
PH 2100	Introduction to Public Health	3
COM 2200	Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG 1020	Introductory College Writing	3
ENG 3010	Intermediate Writing	3
PSY 1010	Introductory Psychology	4
PHI 1050	Critical Thinking	3
SOC 1010	Understanding Human Society ¹	3
One course in a business field (ACC, BA, ECO, MGT)		

¹ Or any Social Inquiry (SI) course.

Prerequisites for Students With a Prior Bachelor's Degree

Code	Title	Credits
PH 2100	Introduction to Public Health ²	3
MLS 3330	Medical Terminology	1
COM 2200	Interpersonal Communication	3
PSY 1010	Introductory Psychology	4
One course in a business field (ACC, BA, ECO, MGT)		

² Or BIO 1510 and BIO 1511.

University General Education Requirements

General Education courses are required for every graduate of Wayne State University. The following General Education courses must be satisfied:

- Civic Literacy (CIV)
- Cultural Inquiry (CI)
- Global Learning (GL)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- Quantitative Experience (QE)

General Education courses are required for every graduate of Wayne State University. Applicants may satisfy the general education requirements in one of the following ways:

1. earning a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution,
2. earning an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Liberal Arts (ALA), Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Baccalaureate Studies (ABS) degree from a Michigan community college,
3. obtaining a Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) stamp
4. obtaining a MACRAO stamp, or
5. completing courses in satisfaction of the University General Education requirements.

Professional Program

Full-time Professional Curriculum

All professional courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. The National Board Examination (NBE) is a degree requirement and must

be taken within thirty (30) days of completing MS 5996. All coursework must be completed within two years of initial admission to the Program.

Fall Semester		Credits
MS 3970	Practicum I	3
MS 3500	Embalming I	2
MS 3600	Restorative Art I	3
MS 3800	Funeral Directing	3
MS 3830	Psychology of Death and Dying	3
MS 4050	Anatomy for Mortuary Science	2
MS 4250	Pathology and Microbiology for Mortuary Science	3
Credits		19
Winter Semester		
MS 3980	Practicum II	3
MS 3300	Religions, Values, and Death	2
MS 3400	Funeral Service Law and Ethics I	3
MS 3510	Embalming II	2
MS 3610	Restorative Art II	2
MS 3810	Funeral Service Marketing and Merchandising	3
MS 3100	Thanatochemistry	2
MS 5350	Funeral Service Communications	1
Credits		18
Spring Semester		
MS 3620	Preparation for Disposition	2
MS 3760	Funeral Service History and Trends	2
MS 3840	Funeral Service Applications	3
Credits		7
Spring/Summer Semester		
MS 3410	Funeral Service Law and Ethics II	3
MS 4000	Practicum III	3
MS 4450	Funeral Service Management and Accounting	3
MS 5996	Professional Review	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		56

Winter Semester		
MS 3100	Thanatochemistry	2
MS 3510	Embalming II	2
MS 3610	Restorative Art II	2
MS 3980	Practicum II	3
Credits		9
Spring Semester		
MS 3620	Preparation for Disposition	2
MS 3840	Funeral Service Applications	3
Credits		5
Spring/Summer Semester		
MS 4000	Practicum III	3
MS 5996	Professional Review	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		56

Part-time Professional Curriculum

**Two years to complete professional curriculum*

First Year		
Fall Semester		Credits
MS 3800	Funeral Directing	3
MS 3830	Psychology of Death and Dying	3
MS 4250	Pathology and Microbiology for Mortuary Science	3
Credits		9
Winter Semester		
MS 3300	Religions, Values, and Death	2
MS 3400	Funeral Service Law and Ethics I	3
MS 3810	Funeral Service Marketing and Merchandising	3
MS 5350	Funeral Service Communications	1
Credits		9
Spring Semester		
MS 3760	Funeral Service History and Trends	2
Credits		2
Spring/Summer Semester		
MS 3410	Funeral Service Law and Ethics II	3
MS 4450	Funeral Service Management and Accounting	3
Credits		6
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
MS 3500	Embalming I	2
MS 3600	Restorative Art I	3
MS 3970	Practicum I	3
MS 4050	Anatomy for Mortuary Science	2
Credits		10