

PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE

Pre-Mortuary Science is a pre-professional advising track. A pre-professional course of study provides students with the intellectual and academic backgrounds they will need before continuing their education in degrees not offered at Minnesota State Mankato. Acceptance to professional educational institutions is contingent upon academic performance, so students enrolling in pre-professional programs should be highly motivated and realize they are expected to maintain standards of excellence.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Pre-Mortuary Science is a pre-professional advising track, not a degree program. The Pre-Mortuary Science track at Minnesota State Mankato is designed to meet the requirements of the College of Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota.

Most students complete the Associate in Arts degree at Minnesota State Mankato and then transfer to the U of M for the final two years of their degree.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) accredits Mortuary Science programs throughout the United States. Accredited programs are found on their website. Students interested in Mortuary Science are strongly encouraged to consult the website to locate programs in their geographic area and then consult with an advisor at that institution in their first year.

Advisors play an important role in guiding the students enrolled in such a plan of study so students are urged to contact the advisor before enrolling.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Scientific Knowledge
- Communication Skills
- Knowledge of Funeral Services
- Assisting and Caring for Others
- Business and Technology Skills
- Regulatory Compliance

CAREERS

- Mortician
- Funeral Services Worker

EMPLOYERS

- Death Care Services
- Funeral Homes
- Hospitals
- Crematories
- Carriage Services
- Service Corporation International

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

95.8%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$60,580

The median annual wage for Funeral Service Workers in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Funeral Service Workers at link.mnsu.edu/funeral-service-workers-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



link.mnsu.edu/premortuaryscience



COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE ADVISING TRACK

REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM

- ACCT 200 Financial Accounting (3)
- BIOL 220 Human Anatomy (4)
- ENG 101 Composition (4)
- BIOL 100 Our Natural World (4) **OR**
BIOL 105 General Biology I (4)
- CHEM 100 Chemistry in Society (4) **OR**
CHEM 111 Chemistry of Life Process Part II (Organic & Biochemistry) (5) **OR**
CHEM 201 General Chemistry I (5)
- STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4) **OR**
PSYC 201 Statistics for Psychology (4)
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) **OR**
SOC 101W Introduction to Sociology (3)
- COMM 100 Fundamentals of Communication (3) **OR**
COMM 101W Interpersonal Communication (4)

REQUIRED FOR PRE-REQUISITES

- MATH 112 College Algebra (4)
- IT 101 Introduction to Information Systems (3)

RECOMMENDED FOR PROGRAM

- HLTH 101 Health & the Environment (3)
- HLTH 321 Medical Terminology (3)

Additional electives to meet the 60 credit transfer requirement.

For more information about course requirements, visit:
cset.mnsu.edu/cset-advising-center/pre-professional/premortuary

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