

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Mortuary Science – Program of Study

CAUTION: Students applying for admission to the University of the District of Columbia Community College's Mortuary Science Program should contact their respective state boards of funeral service regarding the UDC-CC's program of instruction.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Community College offers the Associate of Applied Science degree in Mortuary Science. The program's mission is to provide students with a comprehensive education in mortuary science and prepare graduates to enter the funeral service profession as competent funeral service practitioners. It is designed to encompass the managerial and technical aspects of funeral service and its allied areas. It also provides the basis for further study in thanatology, pathology, grief counseling, postmortem examination, forensic psychology, and mortuary science instruction. Careers in mortuary science include funeral director, embalmer, autopsy technician, crematory operator, anatomical curator, cemetary, and funeral merchandise sales representative. Additional employment opportunities exist with hospitals, medical schools, public health organizations, and the offices of medical examiners or coroners.

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS

UDC recognizes the important connection between student success and academic preparedness. Depending on placement test scores and/or equivalent college course work, students may be required to complete co-requisite courses in English and math. **Only credits earned for the college-level portion of the corequisite course pairing count towards degree completion requirements.**

Co-Requisite Courses for English

Course #	Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
ENGL-015	English Fundamentals and	3		
ENGL-101C	English Composition I	3		

Co-Requisite Courses for Math

Course #	Title	Credits	Grade	Semester
MATH-015C	Introduction to Algebra and	3		
MATH-101C	General College Math I	3		

SEQUENCE OF STUDY

The required courses for the degree program provided in the next section. Students are expected to complete prerequisite and co-requisite courses as indicated.

- A Prerequisite is a requirement which must be completed prior to enrollment in a particular class. This can be a placement test score or a course. For example, ENGL-111: English Composition I must be taken prior to ENGL-112: English Composition II.
- A Co-requisite is a course that must be taken in the same semester. For example, APCT 104C: Introduction to Applications of Computers Lecture must be taken along with APCT 105C: Introduction to Applications of Computers Lab.

GUIDE TO SUBJECTS

When registering for courses, use the key below to search for courses by subject.

ACCT	Accounting	CHEM	Chemistry	MSTC	Mortuary Science
APCT	Applied Computing	ENGL	English		
BIOL	Biology	FSEM	First Year Seminar		

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PRE-MORTUARY COURSEWORK – FALL SEMESTER (SUGGESTED)

FSEM-101C	First Year Seminar	1			
ENGL-111C	English Composition I	3			ENGL-015C or required score on placement test
MATH-101C	General College Math I	3			MATH-015C or placement test
BIOL-111C	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture)	3			BIOL-113C (co-req.)
BIOL-113C	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab)	1			BIOL-111C (co-req.)
APCT-104C	Intro to Applications of Computers (Lecture)	2			APCT-105C (co-req.)
APCT-105C	Intro to Applications of Computers (Lab)	1			APCT-104C (co-req.)
	Total Credit Hours:	14			

PRE-MORTUARY COURSEWORK – SPRING SEMESTER (SUGGESTED)

ENGL-112C	English Composition II	3			ENGL-111C
MATH 102C	General College Math II	3			MATH-101C
CHEM-105C	Fundamentals of Chemistry (Lecture)	3			MATH-101C; CHEM-106C (co-req.)
CHEM-106C	Fundamentals of Chemistry (Lab)	1			MATH-101C; CHEM-105C (co-req.)
MSTC-104C	Funeral Service Orientation	3			
	Total Credit Hours:	13			

ALL STUDENTS, WHO HAVE PASSED THE PRE-MORTUARY COURSES WITH A "C" OR BETTER, MUST HAVE APPLIED AND GAINED ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM BEFORE TAKING THE MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSES.

FIRST YEAR – FALL SEMESTER

MSTC-124C	Theories of Embalming and Disposition	3			Program Admission
MSTC-107C	History and Sociology of Funeral Service	3			Program Admission
MSTC-105C	Descriptive Pathology & Microbiology	3			Program Admission
ACCT-201C	Principles of Accounting I	3			
	Total Credit Hours:	12			

FIRST YEAR – SPRING SEMESTER

MSTC-220C	Embalming & Disposition Principles I (Lecture)	3			MSTC-124C; MSTC-223C (co-req.)
MSTC-223C	Embalming & Disposition Principles I (Lab)	1			MSTC-220C (co-req.)
MSTC-135C	Funeral Service Law	3			MSTC-107C
MSTC-155C	Small Business Mgmt. for Funeral Service	3			ACCT-201C
MSTC-205C	Funeral Service Mgmt. & Principles (Lecture)	3			ACCT-201C
	Total Credit Hours:	13			

FIRST YEAR – SUMMER SEMESTER

MSTC-206C	Funeral Service Mgmt. & Principles Practicum	3			MSTC-205C
MSTC-131C	Restorative Art I (Lecture)	3			MSTC-105C and MSTC-220C
	Total Credit Hours:	6			

SECOND YEAR – FALL SEMESTER

MSTC-213C	Restorative Art II (Lecture)	3			MSTC-131C; MSTC-214C (co-req.)
MSTC-214C	Restorative Art II (Lab)	1			MSTC-131C; MSTC-213C (co-req.)
MSTC-230C	Embalming & Disposition Principles II (Lecture)	3			MSTC-220C; MSTC-232C (co-req.)
MSTC-232C	Embalming & Disposition Principles II (Lab)	1			MSTC-230C (co-req.)
MSTC-254C	Psychology of Grief	3			MSTC-124C, MSTC-131C, and MSTC-155C
MSTC-294C	National Board Seminar	1			Approval of Program Director
	Total Credit Hours:	12			

Total Credit Hours for A.A.S. Degree in Mortuary Science: 70