FUNERAL SERVICE

A compassionate way to make a difference.

If you are a sensitive person with excellent communication skills seeking a career that makes an impact in the community, consider becoming a funeral director.

A funeral director is a licensed professional who specializes in all aspects associated with funeral service, including support for the bereaved, preparing the body according to the wishes of the survivors and requirements of the law, and securing all the essential information for legal documents.

Tidewater Community College’s funeral service program combines technical education with the business skills necessary for you to become successful in a field where jobs are plentiful. The accredited program features a diversified curriculum that addresses the evolving needs and demands of funeral directing, embalming and business management.

PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN FUNERAL SERVICE

Complete in as few as 4 semesters / 67 credits

Tidewater Community College’s funeral service program provides an extensive program designed to prepare students for careers in the field of mortuary science. With an extensive curriculum covering everything from chemistry and restorative art to funeral service law, you’ll learn through hands-on training in the embalming lab.

SELECTION ADMISSION

Admission to the funeral service program is selective and requires a separate application in addition to general admission to the college. To qualify for this competitive program, you will need to:

• Apply to Tidewater Community College and indicate that you intend to pursue Funeral Service.

• Place into English (ENG) 111 — College Composition and complete Math (MTH) 3 (or MTH 1) and Math (MTH) 5 (or MTH 95) or higher based on the results of your Virginia Placement Test.

• Complete these courses with a grade of C or better:
  - Accounting (ACC) 211 — Principles of Accounting I
  - Chemistry (CHM) 110 — Survey of Chemistry
  - Funeral Service (FNS) 121 — Anatomy for Funeral Service I

Once prerequisite courses have been successfully completed, complete the Funeral Service Program Application.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the funeral service program. If admitted, students must meet certain conditions for continuance.


National Board Examination (NBE) pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. The Virginia Placement Test and other programs are available at www.vatel.org. The program has a pass rate, graduation rate, and employment rate. For more information, contact the Virginia Placement Test at 757-822-7074, or in person at the Virginia Beach Campus in Building G, Room 138.

Reconstructive Arts for Funeral Services

Tidewater Community College's pass rate on the National Board Examination is the highest in Virginia.
LET’S GET STARTED!

A great education is closer than you think. With 150 high-quality academic programs, four convenient campuses, and hundreds of affordable day, evening, and online courses, TCC is here for you. Applications are accepted year-round. Note: Our funeral service program is a selective admission program with competitive requirements.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION  tcc.edu
The fastest and easiest way to apply is through our online application. Once you submit the application, you will receive a student number and username. Retain these for your records.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID  tcc.edu/financialaid
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA). The FAFSA code for TCC is 003712, which must be listed on the FAFSA form in order for TCC to receive your information.

NEED HELP?
Request more information at tccenroll.com and one of our admissions representatives will contact you. You can also call us at 757-822-1111 or email enroll@tcc.edu to get started.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS
TCC’s program has a 76% employment rate and many students are hired prior to graduation. You can find opportunities in a variety of areas, including:

- Funeral homes
- Medical examiners’ offices
- Tissue banks

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?
Yes, if you:
- have excellent communication skills
- are detail-oriented
- embrace a flexible, non-traditional work schedule

Yes, if this program is available near you:
- Chesapeake
- Norfolk
- Portsmouth
- Virginia Beach

ABOUT TCC
We are the South Hampton Roads Community College. With campuses in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach, TCC offers a high-quality, affordable education right here in your own backyard. Every year, thousands start at TCC before going on to Virginia’s best four-year schools or a lucrative career. TCC is the fastest, most affordable way to get to whatever is next in your life. Want to learn more? Visit us at tcc.edu today.

Gainful employment consumer information is available at tcc.edu/gainfulemployment.

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