

Funeral Service Education



Figure 1 A Funeral Service Education student prepares a casket for display.

Preparing Professionals for a Career of Service to Their Community

The Funeral Service Education program mission is to prepare students for a career in funeral service, increase their professionalism, and provide them with a foundation for lifelong learning.

Students of the Funeral Service Education (FSE) program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech), upon graduating with their AAS degree, will have the necessary knowledge to take the national and state board exams. Students will also have the proficiency and skills necessary for entry level placement in funeral service.

Start a career helping others—options include working for family-owned or publicly traded corporations. Opportunities for employment are available in all 50 states.

Learn from Industry Experts

All faculty members of the Funeral Service Education program are licensed professionals and have worked for independent and corporate-owned funeral homes.

The Funeral Service Education program partners with funeral home owners and managers to enrich the classroom experience and to help students identify job opportunities.

Find Out More!



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Program Objectives

The Central Objective of the Funeral Service Education AAS degree at LWTech is to educate students in every phase of funeral service so that program graduates are prepared for entry-level employment in funeral service.

In support of this objective the following are the Program's Learning Outcomes:

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



Figure 2 Funeral Service Education students review properly folding the American flag for a presentation during a funeral ceremony.

The Funeral Service Education AAS Degree program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108 Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 (816) 233-3747 Web: abfse.org



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