



THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.)

The Associate of Applied Science Degree is designed for employment purposes, and it should not be assumed that the degree or the courses in the degree can be transferred to another institution. While a few institutions have recently begun to accept some courses in A.A.S. programs, the general rule is that courses in the A.A.S. degree are not accepted in transfer toward bachelor's degrees. Students to whom transfer is important should get assurance in writing in advance from the institution to which they wish to transfer.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: PLEASE SEE CURRENT CATALOG FOR ALL FEES AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DEGREE.

DEGREE PLAN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN FUNERAL SCIENCE

Degree Code: 0508; CIP Code: 12.0301

A 2.50 GPA is required for graduation from the Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Science program.

The A.A.S. in Funeral Science is a two-year degree that offers the theoretical and practical application of funeral service education. The central aim of the Funeral Science program is the recognition of the importance of funeral service personnel as:

1. members of a human services profession;
2. members of the community in which they serve;
3. participants in the relationship between bereaved families and those engaged in the funeral service profession;
4. professionals knowledgeable of and compliant with federal, state, provincial/territorial, and local regulatory guidelines in the geographic area where they practice; and
5. professionals sensitive to the responsibility for public health, safety, and welfare in caring for human remains.

Students are prepared for entry into the profession after graduation.

The Funeral Science degree program at Arkansas State University Mountain Home 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

Student Learning Outcomes for Funeral Science Program

The central objective of the Funeral Science AAS program 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 program assesses itself according to the following Learning Outcomes:

Upon earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in Funeral Science from ASUMH, students will be able to:

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.

The program assesses the achievement of the Learning Outcomes both in courses and in measurements such as licensing exam pass rates and graduation and employment/placement rates.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

| Year | Total Enrolled | # New Students | # Graduates | Timely Graduation* | Graduation Rate | Did not Finish** | Overall in FS | Employed in FS |
|------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2018 | 58 | 16 | 14 | 13/14 | 93% | 3 | 100% | 100% |
| 2017 | 78 | 38 | 24 | 22/24 | 92% | 7 | 91% | 83% |
| 2016 | 85 | 29 | 16 | 15/16 | 94% | 16 | 100% | 88% |

*Timely graduation = complete program in 1 ½ times designated program length.

**Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS – ASU Mountain Home

| 3 Year Average | % Pass Arts | % Pass Sciences |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2016-2018 | 55% | 60% |
| 2015-2017 | 57% | 66% |
| 2014-2016 | 67% | 71% |
| Most Recent | # Takers | # Passed |
| 2018 Arts | 7 | 4 |
| 2018 Sciences | 8 | 3 |

National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. To request a printed copy of this program's rates, go to M102 McClain Hall, 1600 South College Street; Mountain Home, AR 72653, Telephone: (870) 508-6157 or email: mbuel@asumh.edu.



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 Advisor: _____

Date: _____
 Student ID# _____

| <u>COURSE CODE</u> | <u>COURSE NAME</u> | <u>CREDIT HOURS</u> | <u>HOURS COMPLETED</u> |
|---|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| General Education Requirements (30 credit hours) | | | |
| ACC 1013 | Accounting for Funeral Science, OR | | |
| ACC 2003 | Principles of Accounting I | 3 | _____ |
| BIOL 1013 | Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology for Non-Healthcare Majors | 3 | _____ |
| BIOL 1113 | Pathology and Microbiology I (Theory) | 3 | _____ |
| BUS 1013 | Introduction to Business, OR | | |
| BUS 2823 | Fundamentals of Small Business Management | 3 | _____ |
| CIS 1053 | Computer Essentials | 3 | _____ |
| ENG 1003 | Composition I (must earn a "C" or better) | 3 | _____ |
| ENG 1013 | Composition II (must earn a "C" or better) | 3 | _____ |
| MATH 1113 | Applied Math or higher-level mathematics course | 3 | _____ |
| SOC 2263 | Comparative Religions | 3 | _____ |
| COMM 1203 | Oral Communication | 3 | _____ |
| Funeral Science Core (35 credit hours) | | | |
| FUS 1001 | Funeral Service Clinical I | 1 | _____ |
| FUS 1003 | Embalming I | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 1012 | Restorative Art I | 2 | _____ |
| FUS 1022 | Funeral Service History, Ethics and Sociology | 2 | _____ |
| FUS 1033 | Mortuary Chemistry | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 1143 | Business and Funeral Service Law | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 2001 | Funeral Service Clinical II | 1 | _____ |
| FUS 2022 | Restorative Art II | 2 | _____ |
| FUS 2113 | Pathology and Microbiology II (Applications) | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 2123 | Embalming II | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 2171 | Practicum I | 1 | _____ |
| FUS 2181 | Practicum II | 1 | _____ |
| FUS 2223 | Funeral Service Management and Merchandising | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 2242 | Funeral Directing | 2 | _____ |
| FUS 2253 | Funeral Service Psychology and Counseling | 3 | _____ |
| FUS 2262 | Comprehensive Review | 2 | _____ |

Program Total 65 Hours

Additional Requirement 2.50 GPA met: Yes No