



## 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 and be aware that they may be required to complete additional lower-division courses to meet specified prerequisite course requirements for their chosen baccalaureate degree program upon Arkansas public university 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 Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Funeral Science degree prepares students to pursue a career as a professional funeral director and embalmer. The aims of the program are to enlarge the background and knowledge of students about the funeral service profession; educate students in every phase of funeral service; help students develop the proficiency and skills necessary of the profession; educate students concerning the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to the community at large; emphasize higher standards of ethical conduct; provide a curriculum at the post-secondary level of instruction; and to encourage research in the field of funeral service. Students are prepared for entry into the profession after graduation.

#### 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.

Students completing the general education core at ASUMH will have demonstrated a proficiency in the following skills:

11. Applications of Math and the Natural Sciences appropriate to degree or field of study.
12. Composition and Oral Communication.
13. Evaluation of diverse perspectives and cultures through Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.
14. Utilization of technology appropriate to degree or field of study.

The Funeral Science associate 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](http://www.abfse.org)

National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE accredited programs are available at [www.abfse.org/html/dir-ar-html](http://www.abfse.org/html/dir-ar-html) in the Directory of Accredited Programs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

<u>COURSE CODE</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>CREDIT HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS COMPLETED</u>
<b>General Education Requirements (28 credit hours)</b>			
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	_____
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	_____

<u>COURSE CODE</u>	<u>COURSE NAME</u>	<u>CREDIT HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS COMPLETED</u>
<b>Social Science Elective</b> (3 credit hours) (Select 1 course)			
(Choose any three credit hour course from ECON, GEOG, HIST, POSC, PSY, <b>OR</b> SOC)			
	GEOG, HIST, POSC, PSY, or SOC course	3	_____
ORT	1011 First Year Experience	1	_____
COMM	1203 Oral Communication	3	_____
<b>Funeral Science Core</b> (39 credit hours)			
FUS	1001 Funeral Service Clinical I	1	_____
FUS	1004 Embalming I	4	_____
FUS	1013 Orientation to Funeral Service	3	_____
FUS	1143 Business and Funeral Service Law I	3	_____
FUS	1152 Business and Funeral Service Law II	2	_____
FUS	2001 Funeral Service Clinical II	1	_____
FUS	2013 Restorative Art	3	_____
FUS	2113 Pathology and Microbiology II (Applications)	3	_____
FUS	2124 Embalming II	4	_____
FUS	2171 Practicum I	1	_____
FUS	2181 Practicum II	1	_____
FUS	2003 Funeral Service Management	3	_____
FUS	2012 Funeral Service Merchandising	2	_____
FUS	2243 Funeral Directing	3	_____
FUS	2253 Funeral Service Psychology and Counseling	3	_____
FUS	2262 Comprehensive Review	2	_____
<b>Program Total 67 Hours</b>			

**Additional Requirements:**

1. **Completed all Requirements:**  Yes  No
2. **Overall 2.50 Cumulative GPA met:**  Yes  No
3. **Received National Board Exam (NBE) Exam results:**  Yes  No