



# MORTUARY SCIENCE

## Itasca Community College-University of Minnesota

Funeral Directors are health care professionals who serve others during a time of loss, pain, and grief. The mission of the Mortuary Science Program is to skillfully combine the study of behavioral, physical, and applied sciences for the goal of preparing its graduates for careers as knowledgeable, skilled, and innovative funeral service professionals. Program graduates will be prepared to serve bereaved members of their communities in a manner that is proficient, dignified, and caring.

Upon completing the curriculum requirements, the graduate will have received a solid liberal arts foundation; synthesized the psychosocial aspects of grief and the funeral directing arts; developed technical competence in applying funeral service sciences; and identified business, legal, and ethical principles related to funeral service practice. Students following the suggested course schedule below indicate that they are pursuing the Associate in Arts degree at Itasca Community College (ICC) with the intent to transfer to the above named institution. The purpose of this transfer guide is to provide a sequenced curriculum of courses recommended by the receiving institution taken within the Associate in Arts degree at ICC.

The following courses with the AA degree at Itasca will give the student a head start in pursuing their Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree at the U of MN:

<b>Fall</b>				<b>Spring</b>			
Acct	1123	Financial Accounting	4	Acct	1124	Managerial Acct	4
Biol	1201	General Biology	4	Biol	1111	Microbiology	3
Chem	1101 or 1201		4	CSci	1120	Intro to Computers	3
Engl	1101	Expository Writing	4	Engl	1113	Research Writing	3
PE	1201	Wellness	2	PE		Activity Course	1
				Math	1105	Elem Stats	4
<b>Fall</b>				<b>Spring</b>			
Biol	2101	Human Anat & Phys I	4	Biol	2102	Human Anat& Phys II	4
Econ	2101	MicroEconomics	3	Soc	1101	Intro to Sociology	3
		<b>OR</b>		Electives			3-4
Econ	2102	MacroEconomics	3	Humanites Gen Ed			3
Psyc	1101	General Psychology	3	Spch	1105	Fund of Pub Speaking	3
Humanities Gen Ed			3				
Phil	1111	Ethics	3				

\*Note: Courses numbered below 1000 and courses with a “D” grade or lower do NOT transfer.

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**Transfer students** must present a total of 60 credits with grades of A, B, C or S.

**Size of entering class:** 30-35

**Length of Program:** Two years following two years at ICC.

**Degree:** Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Taking the National Board Exam is a graduation requirement.

Internships vary from state to state.

**Priority deadline** to submit application: March 1. [www.mortuaryscience.umn.edu](http://www.mortuaryscience.umn.edu).

**Career Opportunities:** There are approximately 31,000 funeral establishments in the United States, of which less than 600 are located in Minnesota. Approximately 1,800 people hold licenses to practice funeral service in Minnesota. Each year about 40 percent of the graduates return to their hometowns and family funeral practices; the remaining 60 percent are employed independently in practices throughout the United States. Although most graduates enter funeral service practices, a few students find employment with government, the Armed Forces, sales and education.

**Average salaries** for Mortuary Science student interns was approximately \$28,500 in 2005; larger salaries are earned by experienced licensed morticians.

### ***The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum and Itasca's Associate in Arts Degree***

The public higher education colleges and universities in Minnesota have developed a common liberal education curriculum called the **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum**. Students who complete the Associate in Arts degree at Itasca Community College will have automatically met all Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements. **Students not pursuing an Associate degree at Itasca will not be eligible for federal or state financial aid.**

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