



# Associate Degree in Funeral Service

## Achieve a rewarding career honoring human life

*Since the earliest days of humankind, funeral rites have been an important part of the grieving process. Funeral service professionals provide invaluable support to loved ones during this difficult time — ensuring that the deceased is laid to rest with the utmost respect and dignity. At Goodwin University, our Funeral Service program prepares you for an in-demand career in this esteemed field.*

### Become the compassionate professional your community needs

Goodwin University’s Funeral Service program trains you to become a well-rounded industry professional possessing the integrity, compassion, and moral ethics necessary to succeed in this important field of service. Our comprehensive program will teach you to address a range of funeral service processes, from the initial pronouncement of death to the final disposition of the deceased. Core classes are offered one day per week and include on-campus lectures and laboratory training. Our 65-credit program can be completed in as few as 24 months full-time.

### Gain career-ready experience

At Goodwin, we understand that hands-on learning is just as valuable as your time in the classroom — that’s why our students also complete internships at funeral homes across the state. Through your internship experience, you will gain exposure to embalming, restorative art, and business management. All internships must include participation in ten embalming operations, funeral directing, first calls, and removals of human remains.



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## Entry-level requirements

ENG 101	English Composition
ENG 1XX	English Elective
CAP 115	Learning and Working Through Digital Technologies
MATH 1XX	Mathematics (MATH)
BIO 120	Human Biology Humanities (HIS, PHIL, SPAN, HUM)
BUS 101	Introduction to Management
BIO 235	Microbiology

## Programmatic requirements

### First semester

FNS 202	Funeral Service Management and Communication
FNS 216	Funeral Service History and Merchandising
PSY 315*	Psychology of Death and Dying

### Second semester

FNS 209	Funeral Service Law and Socio-Ethics
FNS 218	Embalming I and Thanato-Chemistry
ACC 101*	Principles of Accounting I

### Third semester

FNS 205	Restorative Art with Lab
FNS 220	Embalming II and Cremation
SCI 124*	Humans and Disease

### Fourth semester

FNS 297	Funeral Service Internship
FNS 298	Funeral Service Seminar

Total credits: 65

## Admissions process

Our associate degree in Funeral Service is a selective admission program. Admissions are based on a point system, detailed by the Goodwin University catalog. You may apply to the program only after completing all required prerequisite coursework.

## Entry requirements

- College or high school GPA of 2.7 or higher.
- Complete the College Placement Evaluations. Applicants must qualify to enroll in ENG 101 and MATH 125 to enter the Funeral Service program. Any additional course requirements will be indicated by the test results. All prerequisite and general education requirements must be completed prior to acceptance.
- Completion of BIO 120 (Goodwin University) or its equivalent with a “C” or better. Must include laboratory coursework.
- Completion of BIO 235 (Goodwin University) or equivalent with a “C+” or better. Laboratory coursework must have been completed no more than five years prior to application.

## Enter a field with flexible opportunities

Goodwin’s associate degree in Funeral Service prepares you to sit for the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. Upon successful completion of the Arts and Sciences section of this exam, graduates will secure a year-long paid apprenticeship. After completing your apprenticeship, you will qualify to take the state board exam.

After passing your state board exam, you will be ready for a variety of Funeral Service careers, including:

- At-need and pre-need funeral arrangement consultant
- Funeral service practitioner
- Licensed embalmer
- Licensed funeral director
- Mortician
- Mortuary transporter

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

The Funeral Service associate degree program at Goodwin University 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).