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Program Overview

The Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service (AAS) curriculum at Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service is designed to meet the prerequisites for licensure and employment in funeral service. The curriculum offers both theoretical and practical fundamentals of funeral service. The program is offered in academic quarters, with each quarter consisting of eleven weeks of study. The program is developed with the input of successful professionals, ensuring exceptional career relevance, and designed to impart real-world knowledge and skills.

Curriculum

The curriculum fulfills the requirements of all accreditation regulations and is a blend of theoretical and practical fundamentals of the funeral profession, as well as the liberal arts. The courses are listed under the headings of:

1. Public Health and Technical
2. Business Management and Professional
3. Social Sciences
4. Legal, Ethical, Regulatory
5. General Education

General Education Requirements

- All general education requirements for the associate degree may be completed here at the college
- No previous college credit needed to enter the program
- The degree will fulfill all general education requirements

General education courses provide a foundation for professional success. Students learn to think critically, make rational decisions, and communicate effectively. These skills support their ability to acquire, evaluate, and use the specific knowledge needed for the program.

Graduation Requirements

To be considered a candidate for graduation from the AAS at Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, the following guidelines must be met:

1. The student has successfully completed the AAS program of instruction with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and passing grades in all courses;

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2. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Clinical Embalming Program as specified by the College and the American Board of Funeral Service Education; also, be certified by the qualified faculty member as minimally technically competent in entry level embalming practices;
3. The student has successfully completed all requirements of the Funeral Director Practicum

If the student has an outstanding balance with the College at the time of graduation, the College will not post the award to the student's official transcript until the balance is paid in full. Official transcripts showing the awarding of a degree or certificate are required in most states for licensure.

Courses by Quarter

Quarter 1						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
MAT 100	Mathematics for Business	33	0	0	33	3
SCI 100	Introduction to Natural Sciences	44	0	0	44	4
INT 100	Preparing for Professional Success	33	0	0	33	3
TEC 101	Introduction to Technology	44	0	0	44	4
	Quarter 1 Totals	154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 2						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
ENG 100	English Grammar and Composition	44	0	0	44	4
SCI 222	Introduction to Microbiology	22	0	0	22	2
SCI 202	Anatomical Foundations	44	0	0	44	4

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MGT 101	Small Business Management	44	0	0	44	4
Quarter 2 Totals		154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 3						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 220	Embalming I	33	0	0	33	3
COR 230	Restorative Art I	33	0	0	33	3
COR 201	Funeral Service Essentials	44	0	0	44	4
COR 242	Microbiology for Funeral Service	22	0	0	22	2
SCI 102	Introduction to Social Sciences	22	0	0	22	2
Quarter 3 Totals		154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 4						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 222	Embalming Lab I	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 232	Restorative Art Lab I	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 205	Cremation & Disposition Options	44	0	0	44	4
COR 210	Pathology I	22	0	0	22	2
COR 209	Funeral Service Communications	33	0	0	33	3
Quarter 4 Totals		99	66	0	165	12

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Quarter 5						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 224	Embalming II	33	0	0	33	3
COR 234	Restorative Art II	33	0	0	33	3
COR 207	Funeral Directing	44	0	0	44	4
COR 212	Pathology II	22	0	0	22	2
COR 211	Funeral Service Management	22	0	0	22	2
	Quarter 5 Totals	154	0	0	154	14
Quarter 6						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
COR 217	Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	22	0	0	22	2
COR 226	Embalming Lab II	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 236	Restorative Art Lab II	0	33	0	33	1.5
COR 203	Funeral Service Merchandising	33	0	0	33	3
COR 215	Funeral Service Psychology	33	0	0	33	3
LAW 203	Practical Issues in Business Law	22	0	0	22	2
	Quarter 6 Totals	110	66	0	176	13
Quarter 7						

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Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
LAW 223	Law in Funeral Service	33	0	0	33	3
COR 228	Embalming III	33	0	0	33	3
COR 238	Restorative Art III	33	0	0	33	3
COR 213	Funeral Service Sociology	44	0	0	44	4
	Quarter 7 Totals	143	0	0	143	13
Quarter 8						
Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Ext Hours	Total Contact Hours	Quarter Credit Hours
CAP 290	Capstone: Arts	22	0	0	22	2
CAP 292	Capstone: Science	22	0	0	22	2
CAP 294	Capstone: Pathway	22	0	0	22	2
	Quarter 8 Totals	66	0	0	66	6
	Program Total	1034	132	0	1166	100

Categories of Instruction

Public Health and Technical	Quarter Hours
Embalming	9
Embalming Lab	3
Restorative Art	9
Restorative Art Lab	3

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Pathology	4
Microbiology for Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	30
Business Management and Professional	Quarter Hours
Preparing for Professional Success	3
Funeral Directing	4
Funeral Service Merchandising	3
Cremation and Disposition Options	4
Funeral Service Essentials	4
Funeral Service Communications	3
Funeral Service Management	2
Capstone: Science	2
Capstone: Arts	2
Capstone: Pathway (Elective)	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	29
Social Sciences	Quarter Hours
Funeral Service Sociology	4
Funeral Service Psychology	3
Introduction to Social Sciences	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	9
Legal, Ethical, Regulatory	Quarter Hours
Practical Issues in Business law	2

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Law in Funeral Service	3
Ethical Applications in Funeral Service	2
Total Quarter hours in Division	7
General Education	Quarter Hours
Mathematics for Business	3
English Grammar and Composition	4
Introduction to Natural Sciences	4
Introduction to Technology	4
Introduction to Microbiology	2
Small Business Management	4
Anatomical Foundations	4
Total Quarter hours in Division	25

Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service is not regionally accredited and that may limit the transfer of credits to another institution. All transfer credits are dependent on the receiving institution.