Admission information for the
Mortuary Science Program
At Nassau Community College

Admission to the Mortuary Science Program at Nassau Community College is accomplished by:

- Graduating high school or GED
- NCC student – Change of Area
- Transfer from another college. Mortuary Science courses taken at another institution are not transferable to the NCC Mortuary Science Program.

Candidate must have or satisfy the list below prior to admission to the MSC curriculum.

- Official High School transcript with degree /HS equivalency on file
- Remediation at NCC if required
- HS Biology with a Lab – C or higher
- HS Chemistry with a Lab – C or higher
- HS Math – C or higher
- AHS 131 – Anatomy and Physiology I- C+ or higher
- MAT 102 – Statistics – C+ or higher
- ACC– Accounting I – C+ or higher

Candidate must be legally eligible to work in the United States at the time of admission. Students must register with the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Funeral Directing. Any violations of the law must be cleared through the proper NCC college procedures and New York State authority.

The Mortuary Science Program at Nassau Community College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 3414 Ashland Avenue, Suite G, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506. (816)233-3747. WEB: WWW: abfse.org Refer to this website for the last three years of NCC Mortuary Science performance on the National Board Exam.

Things you should know

1. All remediation classes must be satisfied prior to admission.
2. Health forms on file prior to start of classes. HepB prior to start of embalming lab I.
3. Students must be able to perform fine motor movement to embalm and be physically fit to perform the duties expected of a licensed funeral director as well as be visually able to personally identify human remains and location of disposition.
4. Mortuary Science Students must be of "good moral character" and will be subject to criminal background check. (See NY Public Health Law 3421)
5. Must be able to perform a visual embalming analysis and identify anatomical structures by proper visualization. Must be able to visually identify human remains.
6. Must be able to adhere to department policies.
7. A minimum grade of C or higher must be obtained in each MSC, course.
8. All first and second semester courses as well as liberal arts classes must be completed prior to starting the third semester.
9. Must supply own transportation to off campus obligations
10. Must supply own embalming instruments, uniforms and personal protective equipment.
11. Must be legally eligible for employment and professional licensure at the time of admission.
12. College course taken at other colleges must be transferred to NCC prior to admission. We will NOT accept mortuary science courses taken at another mortuary science program.
13. All college transcripts must be sent to NCC including High School Transcripts
14. Must submit to Mortuary Science Department:
   a. Copy of birth certificate
   b. Passport photo
   c. Check $50.00 payable to New York State Department of Health to register with NYS Bureau of Funeral Directing
   d. Veteran Form (DD214)
   e. Marriage certificate to indicate name change or other reasons
   f. Other name change documentation
   g. If not a citizen, proper documentation
15. Must supply "Certificate of Relief" from disability if convicted of a violation of the Law.

Please call the Mortuary Science Department as early as possible to discuss with us the Admission Process. We are here to assist you. The telephone number is 516-572-7277