

**DIVISION OF NURSING, ALLIED HEALTH, LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**  
**Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Mortuary Science**

**Admissions:** Application cycle opens November 1<sup>st</sup> and closes March 1<sup>st</sup> for the following fall semester

**Location:** Building 44, Room 215  
4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

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**Admission Requirements:**

**The following guidelines MUST BE FOLLOWED when pursuing the Mortuary Science Degree Program at UDC-CC:**

1. Contact UDC-CC and complete an admissions application to the Community College. This is required for new, returning and transfer applicants.  
<https://www.udc.edu/admissions>
2. If college courses are taken at another college or university, please submit **official transcripts** to UDC-CC (registrar's office) for transfer credit review.
3. Admission requirements to the Mortuary Science program include:
  - Successful completion of all pre-mortuary coursework with a grade of "C" or better AND a GPA of at least 2.75 (for prerequisite courses) **PRIOR TO Mortuary Science Program application.**
    - An official transcript must be submitted with the application as evidence of successful completion of pre-mortuary coursework, unless the applicant has completed **all** their coursework at UDC-CC;
    - All science and technology courses (Anatomy and Physiology I lecture and lab, Fundamentals of Chemistry lecture and lab,) must be passed within **FIVE (05) years** of first date of enrollment into the Mortuary Science program.
  - Submission of a typed one-page essay: "Why I Want to be a Funeral Director";

- Submission of at least two (02) confidential letters of recommendation (using the official recommendation forms included in the MS application packet):
  - At least one recommendation letter MUST be from a professor, preferably a science professor;
  - For letters that are not written by professors, the writer must know the applicant in a professional capacity for at least one (01) year;
  
- Proof of a physical health examination performed by a licensed health-care provider, including:
  - Vaccinations, which are required as part of the physical examination and are checked annually: MMR, Tuberculosis (not older than one year), Hepatitis B, Poliomyelitis, and Tetanus (initial vaccination, followed by booster within the last 10 years);
  - Proof of the physical examination and vaccinations that must be submitted to the University Health Services (Building 44, room A02) on their official form included in the Mortuary Science application packet. Contact person: Nurse Ojumu Mercy [Ojumu.mercy@udc.edu](mailto:Ojumu.mercy@udc.edu)
  
- Submission of the results of an annual criminal background clearance check from Global Investigative Services. The background check is completed electronically, including the submission of the payment of the exam upon the applicant's name being submitted by the Mortuary Science Program Director to: Global Investigative Services, 1700 Rockville Pike, Suite 230, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-589-0088, [www.gispi.com](http://www.gispi.com) . Global Investigative Services will send your background results directly to UDC-CC.
  
- Perform the 09-panel drug screening, including testing for the following drugs: opioids, THC/cannabinoids, amphetamines, PCP, and cocaine (including its derivatives) with: Metro Lab, 3422 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20010, 202-234-1339 Submit results to UDC--CC Health Services and retain a copy of the records
  
- Interview by the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee
  
- In-house writing sample and Mortuary Science Admission test completed in person during the interview
  
- Submit the completed application along with a copy of your UDC CC identification card to: Naciem Yousif, Acting Program Director, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200-28, Washington, DC 20008 Telephone: 202-274-5651

**Admission to the Mortuary Science Program is only confirmed by official acceptance letter sent to a candidate by the Mortuary Science Program Director.**

## Associate of Applied Science, Mortuary Science – Program of Study

### PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSE WORK – FALL SEMESTER (SUGGESTED)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
FSEM-101C	First Year Seminar	1			
IGED-110C	Foundation Writing in the Arts & Humanities	3			English-015C or required score on placement test
IGED-120C	Foundation Quantitative Reasoning	3			Math-015C or placement test
BIOL-111C	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture)	3			BIOL-113C (co-req.)
BIOL-113C	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab)	1			BIOL-111C (co-req.)
IGED 250C	Effective use of Technology	3			
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>			

### PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSE WORK – SPRING SEMESTER (SUGGESTED)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Semester	Grade	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
IGED-111C	Foundation Writing I	3			IGED 110C
IGED-220C	Discovery Quantitative Reasoning	3			IGED 120C
CHEM-105C	Fundamentals of Chemistry (Lecture)	3			IGED 120C; CHEM-106C (co-req.)
CHEM-106C	Fundamentals of Chemistry (Lab)	1			IGED 120C; CHEM-105C (co-req.)
MSTC-104C	Funeral Service Orientation	3			
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>			

**ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED THE PRE-MORTUARY COURSEWORK WITH “C” GRADE OR BETTER AND HAVE A 2.75 PRE-REQUISITE GPA, MUST HAVE APPLIED AND GAINED FORMAL ACCEPTANCE TO THE MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM BEFORE TAKING ANY MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSES.**

## MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSE WORK

### FALL Semester, First Year

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-105C	Descriptive Pathology	3	Program Admission
MSTC-124C	Theories of Embalming	3	Program Admission
MSTC-135C	Funeral Service Law	3	Program Admission
ACCT-201C	Principles of Accounting I	3	
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12</b>	

### SPRING Semester, First Year

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-220C	Embalming I (Lecture)	3	MSTC-124C; MSTC-223C (co-req.)
MSTC-223C	Embalming I (lab)	1	MSTC-220C (co-req.)
MSTC-155C	Small Business Management	3	ACCT-201C
MSTC-205C	Funeral Service Management and Principles	3	ACCT-201C
MSTC-131C	Restorative Art I (Lecture)	3	MSTC-105C and MSTC-220C(co-req.)
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13</b>	

### FALL Semester, Second Year

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-230C	Embalming II (Lecture)	3	MSTC-220C; MSTC-232C (co-req.)
MST- 232C	Embalming II (Lab)	1	MSTC-230C (co-req.)
MSTC-213C	Restorative Art II (Lecture)	3	MSTC-131C; MSTC-214C (co-req.)
MSTC-214C	Restorative Art II (Lab)	1	MSTC-131C; MSTC-213C (co-req.)
MSTC-254C	Psychology of Grief	3	MSTC-124C, MSTC-131C
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>11</b>	

### SPRING Semester, Second Year

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-206C	Funeral Service Management and Principles Practicum	3	MSTC-205C
MSTC-107C	History and Sociology of Funeral Service	3	Program Admission
MSTC-294C	National Board Seminar	1	Approval by Program Director
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>7</b>	

**Total Credit Hours for AAS Degree in Mortuary Science: 70**

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