

Survey summary (Spring 2014)

'Preparation for disposition' and 'Cemetery/crematory Operations'

The ABFSE office asked accredited programs to answer a short series of questions connected to this premise:

In 2012, the Conference revise the NBE by adding sections titled 'Preparation for Disposition' and Cemetery/crematory operations'.

Please tell us how your program responded to these changes.

(84% of programs responded)

Findings:

Preparation for disposition'

- 47% Added this subject matter to an existing course
- 45% Made no changes because the subject matter was already covered in existing courses
- 4% Added a specific course to address the topic.
- 2% Were not aware that NBE included a section like this
- 2% Other

To which course(s) was Preparation for disposition'added?

(note this subject matter could be applicable to several courses)

- 91% Embalming
- 35% Funeral directing
- 32% Restorative Art

Cemetery/Crematory operations

- 50% Added the subject matter of an existing course
- 29% No change was necessary because subject matter was already covered in existing courses
- 10% Added a specific course to address the topic
- 2% Were not aware that NBE included a section like this
- 9% Other

To which course(s) was cemetery/crematory operations added?

(note this subject matter could be applicable to several courses)

- 74% Funeral Directing (or similar)
- 23% Funeral Service law
- 24% Other
- 5% Embalming

How do you cover cremation education at your school/program?

- 75% Imbed cremation courses into one or more existing courses
- 8.33% Students attend seminar, field trip, or other cremation training
- 8.33% Offer a designated course(s) on cremation topics
- 8.33% Other

Textbooks used to support cremation topics

- 83% Funeral Directing and Funeral Service Management (Klicker)
- 67% Funeral Service Law (Gilligan/Stueve)
- 31% Traversing the Minefield (Kubasek)
- 29% Mortuary Administration and Funeral Management
(Professional Training Schools)
- 8% don't use a text book
- 31% other

Most frequently cited other texts/resources:

- CANA training manual (4)
- Purified by Fire (3)
- ICCFA training manual (3)
- NFDA manual (1)
- CMS Millennium manual (1)