

Committee Actions:

October 2017

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs at the October 26-27, 2017 meeting in Boston, MA:

Renewal of Accreditation

The following programs were found to be in compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and were granted re-accreditation for a period of seven (7) years:

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, Dallas, TX

Commended for strong institutional leadership, strength of faculty, excellent facilities, capital improvements and relationship between faculty and students.

San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX

Commended for excellent faculty, facilities and governance of the program.
Follow-up report required to document use of a new employer survey.

Mid-America College of Funeral Service, Jeffersonville, IN

New B.S. degree in Funeral Service Management via distance learning approved following Focus Visit.

John A. Gupton College, Nashville, TN

New distance learning AAS degree approved following Focus Visit.

Renewal of Accreditation – deferred

Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service, Houston, TX

Site visit re-scheduled to January 2018 due to Hurricane Harvey.

Probation

Amarillo College – Amarillo, TX

Mortuary Science Program placed on Probation status for failure to comply with:

- Standard 3 – insufficient evaluation of Aims and Objectives
- Standard 11.1 – inadequate assessment activity
- Standard 11.2 – inadequate response to deficiencies cited after previous site visit

Program Closures

The following institutions ceased instruction of the funeral service/mortuary program and did not renew accreditation for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, MS

Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Cumberland, KY

Bishop State Community College – Mobile, AL

Announced plans to 'teach-out' students currently enrolled in the Funeral Service Education program and did not accept new enrollees for Fall 2017. Current students are expected to complete the program prior to September 1, 2018.

Other actions taken by the Committee on Accreditation did not affect the accredited status of the programs involved.

The following institutions/programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation and initial accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the April 11-12, 2018 meeting in Anaheim, CA

Re-accreditation:

Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service, Houston, TX

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, IL

Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, CO

University of Arkansas CC at Hope, Hope AR

Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis, IN

Initial Accreditation:

Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, TX

The above schedule is subject to change.

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to March 1, 2018.

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