

Committee on Accreditation (COA) Actions:

October 2019

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 24-25, 2019 meeting in Chicago, IL:

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:

John Tyler Community College – Chester, VA

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were the efficient response to site visit team comments, the strength of the program assessment plan and the level of institutional support for technology and distance education.

Ogeechee Technical College – Statesboro, GA

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were improved student success on the national licensing examination, consistent timely graduation rates and the student-centered approach demonstrated by the program and institution.

FINE Mortuary College – Norwood, MA

Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Important factors in the decision were the rapid response to suggestions of the site visit team, consistent student success on the national licensing examination, upgraded facilities since the last ABFSE visit and the opportunities for communication between all constituencies of the institution.

Candidacy applications approved – subject to site visit

Goodwin College – E. Hartford, CT

Goodwin voluntarily submitted a Candidacy application following the transfer of the Lincoln College program to their campus in January 2019.

Focus Visits – Distance education

Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service – Decatur, GA

Focus Visit in process

Mid-America College of Funeral Service – Jeffersonville, IN

Focus Visit in process

Worsham College – Wheeling, IL

To be scheduled

Progress Reports – accepted

Mercer County Community College – Trenton, NJ

Program assessment plan

American River College – Sacramento, CA

2019 Assessment Plan accepted. 2020 plan to be submitted as follow-up.

Progress Reports – required

SUNY - Canton – Canton, NY

- Faculty evaluation report received; update required by March 1, 2020.

Ivy Technical College, Lake County Campus – E. Chicago, IN

- Program closure was announced; required Teach-out Plan was not received in timely fashion.

Arapahoe Community College – Littleton, CO

- Comprehensive 2019 Assessment plan was received. Additional update required by March 1, 2020

Programs in 'Teach-out' for 2019

Holmes Community College – Ridgeland, MS

Ivy Technical College, Lake County Campus – E. Chicago, IN

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 through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the April 14-15, 2020 meeting in Dallas, TX.

Re-accreditation:

Miami-Dade College - Statesboro, GA

Cypress College - Cypress, CA

E. Mississippi Community College - Scooba, MS

Delgado Community College – New Orleans, LA

Candidacy applications and site visit reports for programs at the following institutions will be evaluated at the April 14-15, 2020 meeting in Dallas, TX.

Columbus Technical College – Columbus, GA

Southwest Tennessee Community College – Memphis, TN

Cape Cod Community College – W. Barnstable, MA

Goodwin College – E. Hartford, CT

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to March 1, 2020.

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