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)