

## ABFSE Textbook Survey – 2019

ABFSE periodically does a textbook survey to determine the resources in use at the accredited programs and thereby readily available to students pursuing their funeral service education. (last survey in 2014).

The 2019 survey was distributed to the leadership of the 57 programs accredited at the time the survey was published with instructions to submit one survey / institution.

Response rate: 88% (50 of 57 programs)

The survey is loosely paired to the ABFSE curriculum outlines realizing that some textbooks (sections, chapters, etc.) are suitable for use in more than one subject area.

Textbooks included in the survey were drawn from the bibliographies of the ABFSE curriculum outlines, the ABFSE 2014 survey, the ICFSEB textbook survey released 1/1/2018, and *resources* supplied to ABFSE office.

The survey included an option for respondents to identify additional titles not specifically included in the survey.

Total on survey: 58 books + 4 resources used for Comprehensive Review

12 textbooks were used by 50% or more of respondents

32 textbooks *on the survey* were **not** used by 50% or more of respondents

Survey summary (10 most frequently used texts)

Embalming – Mayer

Restorative Art – Klicker

Mortuary Law – Stueve

Types of services and ceremonies

Funeral Directing & Funeral Home Management – Klicker

Pathology & Microbiology for FS – Mullins

Complying w/ FTC

History of American Funeral Directing - NFDA

Fires of Change – Fritch/Altieri

Funeral Service Psych & Counseling – Klicker

% use	Instructor only %	% do not use	Title	Author	Year
31.8%	2.3 %	65.9%	College Accounting	Heintz & Perry	2011
7.2	7.1	85.7	Accounting	Warren, Reeve & Fess	2005
50.0	13.0	37.0	Law for Business	Ashcroft	2011
4.7	16.3	79.1	Black's Law Dictionary	Garner	2009
11.9	7.1	81.0	Business Law Today	Miller/Jentz	2012
19.2	25.5	55.3	Small Business Management	Longnecker	2010
83.4	8.3	8.3	Funeral Directing & Funeral Service Mgmt	Klicker	2008
14.6	24.4	61.0	Mortuary Administration & Funeral Management	Professional Training Schools	1991
32.6	20.9	46.5	Fundamentals of Funeral Directing	Fritch and Altieri	2018
7.5	20.0	72.5	Funeral Home Customer Service A-Z	Wolfelt	
14.6	19.5	65.9	Funeral Service Marketing and Merchandise	Cleveland	2018
28.9	15.8	55.3	Funeral Service Merchandising	DeArmond	2003
27.5	15.0	57.5	Funeral Rites & Customs	Professional Training Schools	2004
85.1	4.3	10.6	Types of Funeral Services & Ceremonies	Professional Training Schools	1994
2.5	7.5	90.0	Exploring the Heart of Funeral Service	Van Beck	2017
87.4	6.3	6.3	Mortuary Law	Gilligan & Stueve	2005
75.0	10.4	14.6	Complying with Funeral Rule	FTC	2012
13.2	28.9	57.9	Traversing the Minefield	Kubasak	2007
67.4	15.2	17.4	History of American Funeral Directing	Habenstein & Lamers	2018
25.0	27.3	47.7	A Walk Through Time: History of FS	Klicker	2018
60.9	13.0	26.1	Funeral Service Psych & Counseling	Klicker	2007
35.9	20.9	44.2	Grief Counseling and Grief Therapy	Worden	2008
14.6	21.9	63.4	Interpersonal Skills Training	Wolfelt	1992
50.0	26.2	23.8	Sociology for Funeral Service	Professional Training Schools	2004
36.6	12.2	51.2	One World: Sociology & Funeral Service	Fritch and Steward	2016

42.5%	22.5%	35.0%	Psychosocial Aspects of Death & Dying	Canine	1996
47.6	23.8	28.6	Ethics in Funeral Service	Klicker	1995
5.1	12.8	82.1	Expanding Funeral Ethics	Funeral Ethics Assoc.	2003
<b>98.0</b>	0	2.0	Embalming: History, Theory, Practice	Mayer	2011
12.8	18.0	69.2	Embalming Standards of Care	Ennis	2016
7.9	7.9	84.2	Embalming and Renal Failure	Ennis	2018
2.6	34.2	63.2	Principles & Practice of Embalming	Frederick & Strub	
<b>89.5</b>	2.1	8.3	Restorative Art & Science	Klicker	2011
44.2	30.2	25.6	Restorative Art	Mayer	2005
31.1	28.9	40.0	The Art of Facial Reconstruction	Sokoll	2016
29.9	37.2	34.9	Color & Cosmetics	Mayer	2004
43.9	19.5	36.6	Anatomy for Funeral Service	Professional Training Schools	2005
26.4	11.8	61.8	Principles of A & P	Tortora...	2012
5.9	23.5	70.6	Gray's Anatomy	Drake, Vogl, Mitchell	2010
<b>76.8</b>	6.9	16.3	Pathology & Micro for Funeral Service	Mullins	2006
32.6	27.9	39.5	Pathology for Funeral Service	Professional Training Schools	2002
25.0	20.4	54.6	Microbiology for Funeral Service	Professional Training Schools	2007
5.4	10.8	83.8	Microbiology: An Intro	Tortora, Funke & Case	2009
2.7	5.4	91.9	Alcamo's Fundamentals of Microbiology	Pommerville	2011
0	0	100	Diseases of the Human Body	Tamporo	
29.3	26.8	43.9	Chemistry for Funeral Service	Professional Training Schools	2003
28.6	30.9	4.5	Thanatochemistry	Dorn & Hopkins	2010
31.8	11.4	56.8	Turning Art into Science: Applying Chemistry to Funeral Service	de la Cruz & Holmes	2018

5.1%	7.7%	87.2%	Human Diseases	Mulvihill	2010
7.9	28.9	63.2	Taber's Medical Dictionary	FA Davis & Co.	2009
10.2	4.1	85.7	Understanding Human Communication	Adler, Rodman de Pre	
6.4	4.3	89.4	Human Communication	Pearson, Nelson Titsworth	
4.2	6.3	89.6	Business Communication	Lehman, DuFrene, Walker	
2.2	2.2	95.7	Reflect & Relate: An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	McCormack	
58.7	15.2	26.1	Fires of Change: A Comprehensive Examination of Cremation	Fritch & Altieri	2015
30.2	23.3	46.5	Cremation Standards for FS Professionals	NFDA	
33.4	21.4	45.2	Crematory Operators Training Manual	CANA	
10.0	15.0	75.0	Purified by Fire: A History of Cremation in America	Prothero	
63.1	6.5	17.4	NBE Study Guide	ICFSEB	2018
47.7	6.8	38.6	Prepare to Succeed	UMSEA	2018
40.0	13.3	28.9	Funeral Service Compend	Professional Training Schools	
26.8	4.9	56.1	Morticians Assessment Testing Simulator	(MATS)	

<u>Review materials</u>	<u>used in some manner by</u>
NBE Study Guide – ICFSEB	75%
Funeral Service Compend	58%
Prepare to succeed	55%
MATS	39%
Schools/programs create their own materials	(2)
Use online resources/open source material	(4)

*Note:* none of the texts cited in Professional Communications Skills Bibliography are utilized by more than 10% of programs.

# of additional different texts cited for a particular subject area

- 7 Micro and Anatomy
- 5 Business Law
- 4 Accounting
- 4 Social Sciences
- 4 Communications
- 1 Wolfelt resources not on survey
- 1 ICCFA Arranger Training

Publication year of texts was not verified.

There is no attempt to endorse particular textbooks or authors.