The Mortuary Science Program at Cypress College prepares individuals for a career that cares for the dead and comforts the living. Students are prepared for employment as funeral directors and embalmers through courses in funeral service administration and management, embalming, funeral directing, restorative art, funeral service science fundamentals, funeral service counseling and mortuary jurisprudence.

The Mortuary Science Department has been at Cypress College since 1977 and features the finest facilities, including on-site, up to date laboratories and instructional aids to help students develop and improve their personal and professional image. Some classes are held off campus in local funeral establishments; however, the majority of courses are taught on the Cypress College campus. Courses offered in the Mortuary Science Department are instructed by faculty members who are licensed embalmers and funeral directors in the State of California, with offices and classrooms in the Health Science Division, Tech Ed III Building.

Accreditation Statement
Cypress College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, (3402 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95403; 707-569-9177), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. The college and its instructional programs are also approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and by the State Department of Education for training veterans. A college or university is accredited if it has been evaluated by recognized accreditors and determined by their peers to meet acceptable levels of educational quality. Courses offered at an accredited institution generally are transferable to other institutions and qualify for financial aid.

The Mortuary Science Degree Program at Cypress College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097; Phone 816-233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org. The ABFSE is the only agency recognized and approved by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit funeral service education programs. National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates (beginning in 2015), and employment rates (beginning in 2015) for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. To request a printed copy of this program’s rates, go to the Mortuary Science Department, Technical education III Building, Room 215, by telephone (714) 484-7278, or by e-mail: MortSci@cypresscollege.edu

Note: If you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation you will be required to declare this on your state application to write the licensing exams. It may affect your eligibility to write these exams.
The Mortuary Science Program has as its central aim recognition of the importance of funeral service personnel as:
1. Members of a human service profession;
2. Members of the community in which they serve;
3. Participants in the relationship between bereaved families and those engaged in the funeral service profession;
4. Professionals knowledgeable of and compliant with federal, state, and local regulatory guidelines; and
5. Professionals sensitive to the responsibility for public health, safety and welfare in caring for human remains.

**Program Objectives and Program Learning Outcomes (PLO’s)**
1. To enlarge the background and knowledge of students about the funeral service profession;
2. To educate students in every phase of funeral service, and enable them to develop the proficiency and skills necessary in the profession, as defined in the Preamble at the beginning of Chapter 9 of the Manual on Accreditation;
3. To educate students concerning the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to the community at large;
4. To emphasize high standards of ethical conduct;
5. To provide a curriculum at the post-secondary level of instruction;
6. To encourage student and faculty research in the field of funeral service; and
7. To qualify students for professional licensure examinations.

**Associate of Science Degree**
Upon successful completion of the Mortuary Science major coursework, the general education requirements, and the National Board Examination, the student will be eligible for an Associate in Science Degree in Mortuary Science. Graduation from the ASMS Degree Program will enable students to write the California Embalmer’s Examination and the California Funeral Director’s Examination.

Many out-of-state licensing agencies require successful completion of the ASMS Degree and compliance with statutory pre-mortuary science requirements of the state in question. Eligibility to write the licensing examinations in some states may be contingent upon compliance with additional statutory requirements in those states. These requirements may also include apprenticeship/internship/residency and examination. Check with the Mortuary Science Department regarding particular states.
A. MINIMUM STANDARDS TO APPLY

1. Apply to Cypress College to obtain a Cypress College student ID#.
2. **Official** high school transcript, GED test with an average score of 450 on the five-test battery, or high school proficiency examination.
3. Evidence of good physical and mental health.
4. English 100C or ENGL 101C or ESL 110C College Writing with a letter grade of “C” or better, or in progress.
5. BIOL 210C Anatomy & Physiology (with lab) or BIOL 231C Anatomy (with lab) with a letter grade of “C” or better within the last 5 years, or in progress.
6. MATH 040C Intermediate Algebra or higher with a letter “C” grade or better, or in progress.
7. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in all college courses attempted.

B. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Apply to Cypress College to obtain a Cypress College student ID#. Once a Cypress College Student ID# has been received, submit required official transcripts to Cypress College Admissions and Records. Required items will be listed on the Health Science Applications signature page. Cypress and Fullerton College transcripts do not need to be submitted to the admissions office.
   - Digitally (directly from school to school) – send to incomingtranscripts@cypresscollege.edu
     Attn: Transcripts
   - Through mail (unofficial if opened) – Cypress College Admissions and Records - Transcripts
     9200 Valley View St.
     Cypress, CA 90630

2. Application must be completed online during the month of **February-March** for Fall enrollment and **September-October** for Spring enrollment. Application deadlines may be extended depending on space availability. Please see the Mortuary Science home page for more information and application deadlines. https://careers.cypresscollege.edu/programs/mortuary-science/

3. Applicants must submit the online application and required documents by the application deadline.
4. Determination of acceptance is based upon the selection criteria. (SEE SPECIFICS BELOW)

C. CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Students will be selected using a point system based on the number of General Education/Graduation courses completed at the time of application.
2. Selection of students for acceptance is based on the point system then the date of completed application, which includes submission of all transcripts and required documents.
3. A total of 30 new students are selected for each cohort.
4. Applicants may exceed the available seat space.
5. F-1 visa students will not be accepted for admission into any program when applications by qualified U.S. citizens exceed space available (AP 5012 1.4.).
MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Mortuary Science Program courses that make up the Associate in Science Mortuary Science (ASMS) program are listed below:

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MORT 204C Funeral Service Administration II ➊ | 4 |
MORT 215C Embalming ➋ | 5 |
MORT 234C Funeral Service Ethics and Laws I ➋ | 4 |

Expenses:

TEXTBOOKS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND EXAMINATIONS: Textbook, supplies and laboratory equipment for individual use are required in the program and vary from year to year. The National Board Examination fee may be obtained from the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. or by visiting their website (www.theconferenceonline.org). The California Department of Consumer Affairs Cemetery and Funeral Bureau regulates the California Embalmer’s and Funeral Director’s examinations. The fee for those exams may be obtained from the Bureau’s website (www.cfb.ca.gov).

NON-RESIDENT TUITION: Students who have been determined to be non-residents of California shall be required to pay a non-resident tuition fee per semester unit plus the regular student enrollment fee. These fees vary from year to year so any out-of-state person interested in attending Cypress College should call the Office of Admission and Records for a quote of the current fees.

ENROLLMENT FEES: While all efforts have been made to present complete and accurate fee information, uncertainties in state funding may result in fee changes. See the Cypress College Schedule of Classes or the official school website (www.cypresscollege.edu) for current information.

HEALTH FEE: Pursuant to the Education Code of California and District policy, Cypress College has a mandatory health fee. The health fee is currently a nominal fee for each student regardless of the number of units the student might be taking. See catalog for exemptions.

CAMPUS ID CARD: There is a $2.50 non-refundable service fee for campus ID Card. This fee is payable at time of registration.

PARKING: Only those students who wish to use campus parking are required to pay the optional parking fee.

Career Opportunities:

Each graduate of the Mortuary Science Program at Cypress College has great opportunities for success and financial independence in service to others. Those who enter the funeral service profession gain the skills and satisfaction that comes from bringing strength and comfort to families during their time of need as well as to the community as a whole.

Funeral directors do more than sell caskets. They know more than just how to create a memorable service. Funeral directors are professionals who show others by example how to respect the deceased and maintain proper dignity, compassion, and efficiency in service to humankind. They are protectors of public health, working with people of all ages and ethnicities.

Caring for people is what life is all about, and in funeral service, there are numerous opportunities for those who believe that they have something to give. A career in Mortuary Science is for caring professionals who wish to share their knowledge and compassion.