

Committee on Accreditation Actions:

October 2018

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education took the following actions at the October 11-12, 2018 meeting in Salt Lake City, UT regarding the following funeral service/mortuary science education programs:

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:

Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, AL
Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, Pittsburgh, PA
Accreditation granted with no stipulations.

Mercer County Community College, Trenton, NJ
Accreditation granted with the following stipulation:

- Submit assessment plan tied to new ABFSE Learning Outcomes

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:

Ivy Tech Community College - Central, Indianapolis, IN
Following deferred decision, accreditation for seven (7) years effective to April 2018.

Northwest Mississippi Community College, Southaven, MS
Following deferred decision and focus visit, accreditation for seven (7) years effective to April 2017.

The following program was granted re-accreditation for a period of two (2) years:

Amarillo College – Amarillo, TX
Subject to Probation status review in April 2019 for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Stipulations. The following programs satisfied stipulations imposed during previous accreditation decisions.

Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service – Houston, TX
Presented updated college safety plan.

Carl Sandburg College – Galesburg, IL
Documentation of faculty evaluations.

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
Accreditation granted in April 2018 with the following stipulation to be addressed by April 2019:

- Submit Substantive Change documentation for distance education delivery.

Substantive Change Approval – Addition of Distance Education

Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Decatur, GA
Approved delivery of the accredited AAS degree program via distance education with Focus Visit.

Focus Visits.

America River College – Sacramento, CA

Re-accreditation affirmed following Focus Visit with stipulation to submit updated assessment plan by September 1, 2019.

The following institutions with accredited degree programs will undergo a focus visit to verify regular and substantive interaction in the delivery of distance education.

Northeast Texas Community College - Mt. Pleasant, TX

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI

Dallas Institute of Funeral Service – Dallas, TX

Mid-America College of Funeral Service – Jeffersonville, IN

Renewal of Accreditation – deferred

Eastwick College, Hackensack, NJ

Accreditation decision was deferred until the April 2019 COA pending outcome of pending Probation status review for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Arkansas State University Mountain Home – Mountain Home, AR

Accreditation decision was deferred until the April 2019 COA pending outcome of pending Probation status review for failure to comply with Standard 11.4.1 (3-year average pass rate on the national licensing examination less than 60%)

Administrative Probation. Program(s) on Administrative Probation failed to renew annual re-accreditation in a timely manner. This status is to be corrected within 6 months to avoid loss of accreditation.

Ivy Tech Community College - Northwest, East Chicago, IN

Change of Sponsorship. The ABFSE accredited AAS degree program at Lincoln College of New England, Southington CT will close effective December 31, 2018. (LCNE is approved by NEASC to issue degrees through May 2019)

Goodwin College – East Hartford, CT

Accredited AAS degree program at Lincoln College of New England, Southington CT transfers to Goodwin College, effective January 2019.

Teach-out. The following institution was approved to teach-out students previously enrolled in the Mt. Ida College Funeral Service AAS degree program which closed May 2018. Students are expected to complete the program prior to September 30, 2020.

Cape Cod Community College – West Barnstable, MA

Classes meet on the campus of Bridgewater State University.

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

The following programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation and initial accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at the April 10-11, 2019 meeting in Miami, FL.

Re-accreditation:

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

State University of New York (SUNY) - Canton, Canton, NY

St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO

Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Kirkland, WA

Initial Accreditation:

University of District of Columbia Community College, Washington, DC

The above schedule is subject to change.

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to March 1, 2019.

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