

Mission Statement

The goal of the Mortuary Science Department at Nassau Community College is to prepare, through academic and clinical training, funeral service professionals as owners, managers, or supervisors of a funeral home; as licensed funeral directors; or as funeral director/embalmers. These funeral service professionals are called upon at time of death to render needed services in a professional and sensitive manner to family and friends of the deceased. Preparation for burial of the deceased requires a high degree of technical knowledge. Funeral service professional must also possess the interpersonal skills necessary to relate both appropriately and sensitively to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased. In short, the funeral director of today must be intelligent, considerate, informed, and technically educated. Graduates have a wide array of employment opportunities.

It is the intention of the faculty and staff at Nassau Community College's Mortuary Science Department:

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 to help enable them to develop proficiency and skills necessary for the profession.
3. To educate students concerning the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to the community at large.
4. To emphasis 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
- 7...to reach out to the non-traditional, as well as the traditional, students, and encourage them to take advantage of the funeral service curriculum available.
- 8...to create an environment that is pleasant and non-dictatorial. Within this environment, knowledge and development of self can be first explored and then realized.
- 9...to provide an opportunity to master the skills and ethical competencies necessary to make each individual a competent funeral director, as well as a productive member of the community.
- 10...to provide students an enriched program that will offer opportunities in areas beyond funeral service.
- 11....to provide the necessary support that will enable each individual student to realize his/her maximum potential.
- 12...to foster the growth of continuing education and community service, so that there will be increased awareness of the responsibilities of the funeral service profession to the community at large.