INFORAMTION ON FUNERAL LICENSING IN THE US & DC (as provided by NFDA)

**TYPES OF LICENSES AVAILABLE/REQUIRED BY STATE**

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| NO LICENSE | FD(1 license) | EMB(1 license) | FD/E COMBO(1 license) | FD/FDE COMBO(2 licenses) | EMB/FDECOMBO(2 licenses) | FD/EMB(2 licenses) | FE/EMB/FDE COMBO(3 licenses) |
| **Michigan****Colorado** | **Delaware****New York****Pennsylvania**\***Vermont** (recent legislation does not require embalming due to growing number of cremations) | Hawaii | **Illinois****Indiana****Iowa****Maine****Maryland****Massachusetts****Minnesota****Montana****Nebraska****New Jersey****New Mexico****North Dakota****Rhode Island****South Dakota****Utah**\*\***Virginia****Washington****West Virginia****Wisconsin****Wyoming** | **DC****Idaho****Louisiana****Maryland****Mississippi** | **Georgia****New Hampshire** | **Alabama****Alaska****Arizona****California****Connecticut****Kansas****Missouri****Nevada****Ohio****Tennessee** | **Arkansas****Florida****Kentucky****North Carolina****Oklahoma****Oregon****South Carolina****Texas** |
| Total: 2 of 51 | Total: 4 of 51 | Total: 1 of 51 | Total: 20 of 51 | Total: 5 of 51 | Total: 2 of 51 | Total: 10 or 51 | Total: 8 of 51 |

\***FD** = Funeral Director (1 license) | **EMB** = Embalmer (1 license) | **FD/E Combo** = Funeral Director & Embalmer (1 license) | **FD/FDE Combo** = Funeral Director or Funeral Director & Embalmer Combo (2 licenses) | **EMB/FDE** = Embalmer or Funeral Director & Embalmer Combo (2 licenses) | **FD/EMB** = Funeral Director or Embalmer (2 licenses) **| FD/EMB/FDE Combo** = Funeral Director or Embalmer or Funeral Director & Embalmer Combo (3 licenses)

**RENEWAL CYCLE & CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

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| **1-Year Renewal Cycle** | **2-Year Renewal Cycle** |
| **Arkansas** – 6 hrs**Arizona** – 12 hrs**Connecticut** – 6 hrs**Idaho** – 8 hrs**Indiana** – 8 hrs**Louisiana** – 4 hrs**Massachusetts** – 8 hrs**Montana** – 6 hrs | **New Mexico** – 10 hrs**North Carolina** – 5 hrs**Oklahoma** – 6 hrs**Rhode Island** – 5 hrs**Tennessee** – 10 hrs**Virginia** – 5 hrs**Washington** – 5 hrs**Wyoming** - 8 hrs | **Alabama** – 8 hrs**DC** – 6 hrs**Delaware** – 10 hrs**Florida** – 12 hrs**Georgia** – 10 hrs**Illinois** – 24 hrs**Iowa** – 24 hrs**Kansas** – 12 hrs**Kentucky** – 12 hrs**Maine** – 12 hrs**Maryland** – 12 hrs**Minnesota** – 15 hrs | **Nebraska** – 16 hrs**Nevada** – 12 hrs**New Hampshire** – 14 hrs**New Jersey** – 10 hrs**New York** – 12 hrs**Ohio** – 18 hrs**Pennsylvania** – 6 hrs**South Carolina** – 6 hrs**Texas** – 16 hrs**Utah** – 20 hrs**West Virginia** – 7 hrs**Wisconsin** – 15 hrs |
| 0 avg. annual hours | avg. < 4 annual hours | avg. 5 annual hours | avg. 6 annual hours | avg. 7 annual hours | avg. 8 annual hours | avg. 9-10 annual hours | avg. 12 annual hours |
| 9 of 51 | 6 of 51 | 8 of 51 | 12 of 51 | 3 of 51 | 5 of 51 | 4 of 51 | 3 of 51 |

\*\*\*CEU’s are not required in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oregon, and South Dakota. (\*\*Vermont currently unavailable)

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR ONLY LICENSE**

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| High School/GED | CERTIFICATE(30 hrs or other short program) | Board Approved Program | Associate’s Degree | Bachelor’s Degree | No Education Requirements |
| **Arkansas****Mississippi****Missouri** | **Alaska****Louisiana****Tennessee****\*Vermont** has new 26-hr state certificate program that does not include embalming. | **North Carolina** | **California****Connecticut****DC****Idaho****Kansas****Maryland****Oklahoma****Oregon****Texas** | **Alabama****Florida****Ohio****South Carolina** (or 60 hrs accredited college hours) | **Arizona****Delaware****Kentucky****Nevada****Pennsylvania** |
| Total: 3 of 26 | Total: 4 of 26 | Total: 1 of 26 | Total: 9 of 26 | Total: 4 of 26 | Total: 5 of 26 |

**APPRENTICE/INTERN REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR ONLY LICENSE**

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| Served Before Training / # Cases Required | Served During Training / # Cases Required | Served After Training / # Cases Required | Served Anytime / # Cases Required | Not Required |
| **Arizona** (in AZ) / 25**Connecticut** / 0**Ohio** (in OH) / 50**Pennsylvania** / 35 | **Missouri** / 10 | **Delaware** (in DE) / 25**DC** (in DC) / 25**Kansas** / 25**Maryland** (in MD) / 24 | **Alabama** (***during or after*** in AL) /40**Alaska** (in AK) / 24**Arkansas** (in AR) / 50**Florida** / 0**Idaho** (in ID) / 25**Kentucky** (in KY) / 25**Louisiana** (in LA) / 30**Mississippi** (in MS) / 50**Nevada** (1 year in NV) **North Carolina** (in NC) / 25**Oklahoma** (in OK) / 50**Oregon** (in OR) / 25**South Carolina** / (in SC) / 50**Tennessee** (quarterly reports)**Texas** / 45 | **California****\*Vermont** (has new guidelines – not produced in NFDA information) |
| Total: 4 of 26 | Total: 1 of 26 | Total: 4 of 26 | Total: 15 of 26 | Total: 2 of 26 |

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EMBALMER ONLY LICENSE**

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| HIGH SCHOOL/GED | CERTIFICATE (30 hrs or other short program) | Board Approved Program | Associate’s Degree | Bachelor’s Degree | No Education Requirements |
| NOTE: **\*Vermont** – not requiring education because of the growing rate of cremation. | **Alaska** (degree from accredited program)**New Hampshire** | **South Carolina** (graduate from education institution recognized by Council) | **California****Connecticut****Kansas****Kentucky****Nevada****Oklahoma****Texas** | **Florida****Ohio** | **Alabama****Arizona****Arkansas****Georgia****Hawaii****Missouri****North Carolina****Oregon****Tennessee** |
| Total: 0 | Total: 2 of 21 | Total: 1 of 21 | Total: 7 of 21 | Total: 2 of 21 | Total: 10 of 21 |

**APPRENTICE/INTERN REQUIREMENTS FOR EMBALMER ONLY LICENSE**

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| Served Before Training / # Cases Required | Served During Training / # Cases Required | Served After Training / # Cases Required | Served Anytime / # Cases Required | Not Required |
| **Arizona** (in AZ) / 25**Connecticut** (in CT) / 50**Ohio** (in OH) / 25 |  | **Kansas** / no minimum**Missouri** (in MO) / 25 | **Alabama** (***during or after*** in AL) / 40**Alaska** (in AK) / 24**Arkansas** (in AR) / 50**California** (in CA) / 100**Florida** (in FL) / 0**Georgia** (in GA) / 50**Hawaii** / 0**Kentucky** (in KY) / 25**Nevada** (in NV) / 50**New Hampshire** (in NH) / 50**North Carolina** (in NC) / 25**Oklahoma** (in OK) / 25**Oregon** (in OR) / 35**South Carolina** (in SC) /50**Tennessee** (in TN) / quarterly reports**Texas** (in TX) / 45 | NOTE: **\*Vermont** (has new guidelines – not produced in NFDA information) |
| Total: 3 of 21 | Total: 0 of 21 | Total: 2 of 21 | Total: 16 of 21 | Total: 0 of 21 |

**EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER COMBINATION LICENSE**

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| HIGH SCHOOL/GED | CERTIFICATE (30 hrs or other short program) | Board Approved Program | Associate’s Degree | Bachelor’s Degree | No Education Requirements |
|  | **Indiana** (various combinations/must be approved by board)**New Hampshire** | See notes – many have combinations | **DC****Idaho** (or 90 quarter hours from accredited college in addition to ABFSE program)**Iowa** (60 hrs that exclude Mort. Science Course)**Maryland****Massachusetts****Montana** (Associates Degree in Funeral service or Mortuary Science is *minimum*, Bachelor’s Degree in Funeral Service or Mortuary Science)**Nebraska****New Jersey****New Mexico****North Carolina****North Dakota****Oklahoma****Rhode Island****Texas****Utah****Washington****West Virginia** (minimum)**Wisconsin** | **Florida****Illinois****Minnesota****South Dakota****Wyoming** | **Arkansas****Georgia****Kentucky****Louisiana****Maine****Mississippi****Oregon****South Carolina**\*\***Virginia** – NFDA had no education requirements listed) |
| Total: 0 of 34 | Total: 2 of 34 | Total:  | Total: 18 of 34 | Total: 5 of 34 | Total: 9 of 34 |

**APPRENTICE/INTERN REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER COMBINATION LICENSE**

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| Served Before Training / # Cases Required | Served During Training / # Cases Required | Served After Training / # Cases Required | Served Anytime / # Cases Required | Not Required |
| **Indiana** (in IN) / 4**Iowa** (in IA) 12&12**Maine** / 0**New Mexico** - 50/50/50**North Dakota** / 25**West Virginia** (in WVA) 35 |  | **DC** / 25&25**Illinois** (in IL) 24&24**Maryland** (in MD) / 24**Minnesota** / 75**Montana** / 25 | **Arkansas** (in AR) / 50&50**Florida** (in FL) / 0**Georgia** / 50**Idaho** (in ID) / 25**Kentucky** (in KY) 25/25/25**Louisiana** (in LA) 30**Massachusetts** (in MA) / 0**Mississippi** (in MS) / 25**Nebraska** (anytime before or after in NE) / 25**New Hampshire** (in NH) 50emb/24fd**New Jersey** (in NJ) 75/75/25**North Carolina** (in NC) / 25**Oklahoma** (in OK) / 25**Oregon** (in OR) / 25&35**Rhode Island** (in RI) reports quarterly**South Carolina** (in SC) 50 each**South Dakota** (in SD) /25**Texas** (in TX) / 45&45**Utah** at least 2000hrs / 50**Virginia** / 25&25**Washington** (in WA) / 4 quarterly reports**Wisconsin** (in WI) 25/25/25**Wyoming** (in WY) / 0 |  |
| Total: 6 of 34 | Total: 0 of 34 | Total: 5 of 34 | Total: 23 of 34 | Total: 0 of 34 |