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/FDE  COMBO  (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**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 |