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## PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE *College of Science, Engineering & Technology*

### WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

The pre-mortuary science program at Minnesota State Mankato is designed to meet the requirements of the College of Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota. The program requires students to do two years of academic preparation and 60 semester credits before completing the professional component in the College of Mortuary Science.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THIS DEGREE?

A person trained in mortuary science will be prepared to act in two capacities. First, as a funeral director, the mortuary scientist obtains the information needed for the death certificate and meets with the family to discuss the plans for the funeral and burial. The funeral director also makes arrangements with the cemetery, prepares obituaries for the newspapers, and sometimes advises the family on business and personal matters. Mortuary scientists are trained, secondly, in the science of embalming, the traditional method of preparing the body for burial.

Because mortuary scientists are required to deal with people in times of emotional distress, they must have an unusual amount of tact, discretion, and compassion. The service they provide benefits not only individuals, but society as a whole. The median annual salary in 2021 was \$54,830.

### OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities for mortuary scientists have not changed significantly since the 1990s. Graduates from the program at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities have been successful in finding jobs in recent years, but the competition for positions has increased somewhat. It is not uncommon for students to secure a promise of employment before entering a program of mortuary science.

Students are advised to contact the college of mortuary science that they plan to attend early in their freshman year. University of Minnesota applications should go directly to the College of Mortuary Science. Students who plan to attend a different professional school in mortuary science should find out the specific requirements of that school and make adjustments in their pre-mortuary curriculum.

### TO LEARN MORE

The American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) accredits Mortuary Science programs in the U.S. Prospective students are encouraged to check the website: [www.abfse.org](http://www.abfse.org) for more information about programs. Students in the Minnesota State Mankato Pre-Mortuary Science major should begin investigating Mortuary School admission requirements as soon as they identify this career option, as schools may vary in admission criteria.

### RECOMMENDED COURSES AT MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

Students planning to enroll in a Mortuary Science Program should plan to complete the following courses, as recommended for admission to the University of Minnesota's Mortuary Science Program. (Additional courses to satisfy the University of Minnesota's admission requirements, and/or to meet requirements at other Mortuary Science schools, should be identified with the student's academic advisor in this major).

Accounting/Business: ACCT 200

Biology: BIOL 100 OR 105, 220

Chemistry: CHEM 100 OR 111 or 201

Communications: ENG 101, CMST 100 OR 101W

Statistics: STAT 154 or PSYC 201

Social Sciences: PSYC 101, SOC 101

Recommended prior to attending University of Minnesota

Health: HLTH 101 and 321

The University of Minnesota's Mortuary Science Program also recommends Completion of an Associate of Arts Degree or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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You are encouraged to visit the campus.

To arrange for a visit, please call:

Office of Admissions: 507-389-1822

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## GO PRO LEARNING COMMUNITY

If you are entering college planning to continue advanced education by attending medical school, veterinary school, physical therapy school, or other professional programs, your path could be complex and challenging. The Pre-Professional Sciences learning community is here to help! The learning community will offer you support in your course work by having group study session throughout the week with others in your classes. You will also have the opportunity to have your questions answered through your interaction with faculty from these departments. The learning community is here to help guide you in the process of pursuing these demanding programs.

### WHAT YOU'LL TAKE:

As a part of the learning community, you'll be enrolled in the following courses:

#### Fall Semester

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

FYEX 100: First Year Seminar (1 credit)

BIOL 105: General Biology I (4 credits)

#### Spring Semester

PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychological Science (4 credits)

CMST 102: Public Speaking (3 credits)

BIOL 106: General Biology II (4 credits)

By enrolling in 15 credits or more per semester, you are more likely to complete your Bachelor's degree in 4 years.

### WHERE YOU'LL LIVE:

Students will be assigned to renovated double rooms (Crawford A, B, D, McElroy E, F, H or Preska I). Renovated rooms have in-room air-conditioning and share a community bathroom with the floor. Learning Community students are housed with other students in the same learning community.

For additional information about course requirements, please visit <http://www.mnsu.edu/supersite/academics/bulletins/>

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