

Embalmer and Funeral Director

Credential Issued

ITA Certificate of Qualification (Embalmer and Funeral Director)
(Persons completing a formal apprenticeship also receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship)

Occupational Description

“Embalmer and Funeral Director” means a person who engages in the disinfection, preservation, preparation or restoration of human remains, negotiates or enters into funeral contracts, arranges, conducts or directs bereavement rites and ceremonies, arranges for the interment of human remains, and transfers human remains or directs or supervises the transfer of human remains.

Program Duration and Structure

The program will be delivered in a variety of formats combining in-school and work-based training, all designed to meet the competency standards and profile defined by the industry and approved by ITA and will generally take two years to complete.

The program includes:

- Technical Training:
 - In-school*: 126 hours (approximately 4 weeks) per level
 - On-line moderated course: 48 weeks (24-weeks per level)
- Work-based: 3,600 hours

*The in-school/technical training requirement is typically met through block release training delivered by an ITA approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g. distance education, part-time) and/or level challenge exam where these options are available.

Program Completion Requirements

Completion of 3,600 workplace hours:

- Logbook (distributed by training provider)
- Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and a certified Funeral Director and/or Embalmer or holder of an ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in the trade.

Completion of technical training:

- Level 1 – practical assessment and ITA written level examination
- Level 2 – practical assessment and ITA written level examination

Program Challenge Requirements:

- 5,400 documented hours of directly related work experience required to challenge the Levels 1 & 2 ITA written examinations
- Undertake and pass a practical assessment/examination as provided by and attested to by an ITA registered training provider

Program Pre-requisites

- Grade 12 (or equivalent from a recognized post-secondary institution) – English 12, Biology 12 and Chemistry 12 are recommended

Assessment Methods

- In-school assessments (practical and written examinations)
- Logbook
- Final assessment (Levels 1 & 2 ITA written examinations)
- Levels 1 & 2 ITA written examinations by challenge

Linkages to Other Credentials***Cross Program Credit***

Holders of a BC Certificate of Qualification in the Embalmer Apprenticeship Program OR the Funeral Director Apprenticeship Program will receive 1,800 hours work-based credit and technical training for Level 1 of the Embalmer and Funeral Director Apprenticeship Program.

Holders of a BC Certificate of Completion in the Embalmer and Funeral Director Foundation Program will receive technical training credit for Level 1 of the Embalmer and Funeral Director Apprenticeship Program. Upon registration as an apprentice, individuals must complete 1,800 hours work-based training requirement before entering Level 2 technical training.

Program Standards Documentation

Program Outline
Logbook

Industry Program Standards Mechanism

Funeral Service Association of BC <http://www.bcfunerals.com>

Program Providers

The in-school technical training is delivered by public post-secondary institutions, private training institutions, and secondary schools that have been approved by ITA.

Technical Training Content**Level 1**

Dying, Death & Disposition 1
Funeral Practices 1
Funeral Law 1
Funeral Service Ethics
Anatomy & Physiology 1
Safety, Sanitation & Hygiene 1
Communications 1
Embalming Theory 1

Level 2

Dying, Death & Disposition 2
Funeral Practices 2
Funeral Law 2
Anatomy & Physiology 2
Safety, Sanitation & Hygiene 2
Communications 2
Embalming Theory 2
Business Management

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