

How to become a **FUNERAL DIRECTOR/ EMBALMER**

1 Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

- ✓ A license must be obtained from the board
- ✓ There are three types of licenses
 - *Embalmer Only, Funeral Director Only, Dual Funeral Director and Embalmer*
- ✓ *All applicants must be 18 years old*
- ✓ *Applicant holds a bachelors degree from an accredited institution*

2 Education

- ✓ *Applicants for Funeral Director only can hold a bachelors degree or higher in any field of study*
- ✓ *Applicants for an Embalmers License or Dual License must hold a bachelors degree in Mortuary Science*
- ✓ *Institutions with mortuary science programs are University of Cincinnati, Wayne State University, Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, Mid-America College of Funeral Service*
- ✓ *Terra State offers an associate degree in pre mortuary science that transfers to University of Cincinnati for completion of a bachelors degree*

3 Apprenticeships

- ✓ *Applicants for Embalmer only and Dual Funeral Director and Embalmer License must complete a certified 12 month apprenticeship under the instruction of a master funeral director/embalmer.*
- ✓ *Applicants for Funeral Director only license must complete a certified 24 month apprenticeship*
- ✓ *Average beginning salary for an apprentice is \$15- \$20 per hour (under \$41,600)*

4 Examinations

- ✓ *Applicants for Embalmer license need to pass the National Board Science Exam and Ohio Laws and Rules Exam*
- ✓ *Applicants for Funeral Director license need to pass the Ohio Laws and Rules Exam and National Board Funeral Arts Exam*

5 Beginning Your Career

- ✓ *Obtaining your license can be a long process but the fruits of your labor will be rewarded by the opportunities you will have to serve families in their time of need*
- ✓ *Newly licensed funeral director earns an average salary of \$20 per hour*
- ✓ *Newly licensed funeral director and embalmer earns an average salary of \$20- \$25 per hour*