



Select the route to a Career In Funeral Service that is right for you!

DIRECT ENTRY APPRENTICESHIP

With a sponsor employer (funeral home), you are ready to start your training.

- I have finished high school
- I know which licensure program I want to pursue (embalmer, funeral director, embalmer and funeral director)
- I have an employer to sponsor me

This is the BEST most direct route towards becoming a qualified embalmer and/ or funeral director.

WHAT NEXT?

Register with the Funeral Service Association of BC - along with your employer.

Most of your training is on-the-job, so you are getting paid.

PROGRAM DURATION

The program will be delivered in a variety of formats combining in-school, on-line, and work-based training, all designed to meet the competency standards and profile defined by the stakeholders of the BC funeral service profession, and approved by the Industry Training Authority and will generally take 2 years to complete. Year 1 is Level One. Year 2 is Level Two.

FOUNDATION PROGRAM

A new and exciting entry to the funeral service profession is offered by the Foundation Program. This option is intended to provide you with an introduction to funeral services and at the same time you will receive credit for level one technical training.

- I prefer to learn some basic skills before I look for a sponsor employer.
- I want to start earning credit towards level one

Before choosing this route, check with some prospective funeral home employers to learn more about a career in funeral services.

WHAT NEXT?

Contact the Funeral Service Association of BC and request an application form.

PROGRAM DURATION

The program will be delivered in a variety of formats combining in-school and on-line training, all designed to meet the competency standards and profile defined by the stakeholders of the BC funeral service profession, and approved by the Industry Training Authority and will generally take 10 months to complete. Upon completion of the program, graduates will need to find employment, register as a Level Two apprentice and complete 3600 hours of work-based training.