

Regulation Comparison
Funeral Directing and Embalming

<https://www.nfda.org/Portals/0/NFDAORG/Education/Documents/Regulations-in-Licensing-2019.pdf>

All U.S. states with the exception of Colorado, license funeral directors and embalmers. The majority of states require an Associate Degree (with no specific coursework), completion of a mortuary science program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education or its equivalent (there are at least 60 accredited programs), and an apprenticeship of 1-2 years. (NOTE: There is not a mortuary school in Nebraska, the closest state is Iowa and Kansas). In reviewing the 5 states surrounding Nebraska (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wyoming), only 1 of the 5 requires specific coursework within the pre-mortuary 60 hours/associate degree. Nebraska requirements, Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-1414 requires the equivalent of sixty semester hours of college credit in addition to a full course of instruction in an accredited school of mortuary science. Such hours shall include the equivalent of (i) six semester hours of English, (ii) six semester hours of accounting, (iii) eight semester hours of chemistry, (iv) twelve semester hours of a biological science relating to the human body, and (v) six semester hours of psychology or counseling.