

# FUNERAL SERVICES

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## Job Description

Funeral Directors and Arrangers oversee and coordinate all details of a funeral. This includes visitation, preparation of obituaries, services, burials, cremations, arranging for pallbearers and clergy services, and scheduling the opening and closing of a grave with cemetery representatives. They also provide caring emotional support to families and friends of the deceased. An Embalmer is responsible for preparing bodies for funeral services including sanitizing and preserving them.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program are needed on a local and statewide basis. The career opportunities are:

- Funeral Arranger
- Embalmer
- Funeral Director

## Program Description

The Funeral Services Program at the College of Southern Nevada is a 2-year program of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree. The goal of the program is to prepare competent funeral service workers. The curriculum provides didactic, lab, and clinical (hands-on) training. It is designed to train students in all areas of funeral services including funeral arranging, embalming, and funeral directing. Upon graduation the student is eligible to sit for state licensing exams.

## Approximate Salary in Nevada

Hourly Wage Range ..... \$23.29 - \$36.17  
 Mean Wage..... \$29.73

Source: "Nevada 2021 OES Wage Data"  
[www.nevadaworkforce.com](http://www.nevadaworkforce.com)

## Licensing

Upon graduation from the program, individuals who wish to gain licensure in Nevada as an embalmer, funeral arranger, and/or funeral director must follow the steps outlined at <https://funeral.nv.gov/Licensing/Licensing/>.

## Admission Requirements

The Funeral Services degree is a Limited-Entry Program. Therefore, all prerequisite requirements must be completed by the completion deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.

## Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

Tuition:

64 credits x \$123.75 per credit hr .....	\$7,920.00
Limited Entry Application Fee.....	\$20.00
Student Union & O&M fees per credit hr .....	\$9.00
Technology Fee per credit hr.....	\$10.50
Athletics & Recreation Fee per credit hr.....	\$2.00
Books .....	\$650.00
Lab Fees.....	\$50.00 per lab
Uniforms/Lab coats.....	\$30.00 - \$50.00
CPR Certification.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Physical Exam.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Immunizations.....	\$0 - \$600.00
Medical Insurance.....	\$20.00 - \$190.00/month
<i>Applies only if you are presently uninsured.</i>	
College Application Fee.....	\$20.00
New Student Fee.....	\$20.00
One-time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.	
Non-resident Fee.....	\$4,333.00 per fall/spring semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.	

## Application Deadline

Students applying for the Fall 2025 program must submit an application to the Limited-Entry Office by **June 1, 2025**. Final grades or transcript evaluation must be in the Limited-Entry Office by **June 1, 2025**. A "Limited-Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" may be obtained online at: <https://www.csn.edu/education-and-training/limited-entry-admission>

## Accepted Students

Students accepted into the program will be required to complete a clinical practicum. Students will need to show proof of health insurance, physical exam, and immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Varicella, Diphtheria, and possibly CPR certification and COVID. Additionally, proof of a negative two-step TB skin test and negative urine drug screen will also be required. Students are required to submit to an official background check. All documentation is due prior to the first scheduled clinical education experience.

## Accreditation

The CSN Funeral Services Program will apply for accreditation through the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) which serves as the national academic accreditation agency for college programs in Funeral Service Education.