



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

DIRECT ENTRY APPRENTICESHIP

You must meet the below criteria

- ⇒ Finished high school
- ⇒ Know which licensure program you want to pursue (embalmer, funeral director, embalmer and funeral director)
- ⇒ Have an employer to sponsor you

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

WHAT NEXT?

Register with the British Columbia Funeral Association - along with your employer. Academic programs begin each September.

Most of your training is paid, on-the-job.

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 two years to complete: year one is Level One; year two is Level Two and you must also complete 3600 hours of work-based training.

FOUNDATION PROGRAM

A new and exciting entry to the funeral service profession is offered via 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. This program will suit your educational needs if you:

- ⇒ Prefer to learn some basic skills before I look for a sponsor employer.
- ⇒ 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 British Columbia Funeral Association and request an application form; Academic programs begin each September.

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. The program will generally take ten 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.

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