

A photograph of a modern anatomical laboratory. Three students in white lab coats are seated at a long lab bench. The student on the left is a young man with a beard, looking down at a book. The student in the middle is a young woman with blonde hair and glasses, also looking down. The student on the right is a young woman with dark hair, holding a detailed anatomical model of a hand and forearm. On the lab bench, there are various pieces of equipment, including a microscope with yellow knobs, a sink with a green faucet, and several anatomical models of the human body, including a torso and a foot. The background features white cabinets and more anatomical models.

Mortuary Science Program



CHANDLER-GILBERT
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\$58,310

median
annual salary
for funeral
service workers

4,300

Projected
funeral service
job openings
each year

(source: Bureau of Labor
Statistics)

MORTUARY SCIENCE

A career working in a funeral home or crematory can be very rewarding; however, it requires a unique combination of interpersonal skills, intellect, and business acumen. CGCC's Mortuary Science program teaches these skills and prepares students for a career in the funeral industry. Upon program completion, students will be prepared to sit for the National Board examination. Students are also able to apply for an intern license with the Arizona State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual salary for all funeral service workers is \$58,310, and the median salary for funeral home managers is \$76,350. An estimated 4,300 job openings are projected in the funeral service industry each year.



Funeral Director



Embalmer



Cremationist



Forensic Pathology



Vital Records



Funeral Sales

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Associate in Applied Science Degree in Mortuary Science at Chandler-Gilbert Community College is accredited by The American Board of Funeral Service Education,

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The Mortuary Science program curriculum combines coursework in mortuary science with a general business component, including studies in public

health; business management; natural sciences; legal, ethical, and regulatory concerns; and clinical requirements associated with the funeral industry. Students complete **34** credits of mortuary science coursework, with an additional **34-40** general education and elective credits.

Potential career paths in the funeral industry include:

- Funeral director
- Embalmer
- Cremationist
- Forensic pathology assistant
- Vital records registrar
- Funeral equipment and pre-arranged funeral salesperson



68-74 Credits

Associate in Applied Science
(AAS) in Mortuary Science



\$97

*In-State Tuition

per credit hour
(2023-2024 tuition)

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