

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
CAPSTONE PROGRAM  
SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES  
FUNERAL SERVICE**

**2011-2012**

**For graduates of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science with the Associate in Specialized Technology**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSFER CREDITS**

___	Credits transferred from Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.	<b>36</b>
___	Pre-professional transfer credits from a regionally accredited college or university.	<b>60</b>

**PREREQUISITES TO THE PROGRAM 3**

___	ENGL 151	English Composition II	3
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**DEPARTMENT CORE REQUIREMENTS 12**

___	BIOL 334	Occupational Safety & Health	3
___	PSYC 203	Theories of Personality	3
___	POLS 330	The American Presidency	3
___	BMGT 221	Business Comm. & Research	3

**Degree Concentration Requirements 18**

**Choose one concentration:**

**1. Conservatory of Performing Arts**

(Select 18 credits from the following. It is recommended that COPA 250 and 251 be taken as a 6 credit sequence)

___	MUS 101	Music Appreciation and	3
___	ART 100	Introduction to Visual Arts	3
<b>OR</b>			
___	COPA 250	Arts & The Human Experience I &	3
___	COPA 251	Arts & The Human Experience II	<b>OR</b>
___	CINE 302	Cinema	3
___	THEA 109	Elements Stagecraft I	2
___	THEA 111	Introduction to Acting I	3
___	THEA 112	Introduction to Acting II	3
___	THEA 117	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
___	THEA 118	Stage Make-up	1
___	MUS 106	Piano Class	2
___	MUS 203	Voice Class I	2

**2. Government & International Studies**

___	POLS 207	Public Policy Issues	<b>OR</b>	
___	HIST 204	History of the U.S. II		3
___	POLS 209	Law and Society		3
___	POLS 402	Constitutional Law		3
___	ECON 202	Prin. of Economic/Microeconomics		3
___	POLS _____	_____		3
___	POLS _____	_____		3

(electives @ 200+ Level)

**3. Human Sciences**

___	PSYC 204	Abnormal Psychology	3
___	SOC 221	Introduction to Social Work	3
___	PSYC 304	Counseling Theories & Practices	3
___	PSYC 305	Counseling Practicum	3

**Choose 2 of the following:**

___	PSYC 261	Non-verbal Expression	3
___	PSYC 418	Adult Development	3
___	SOC 111	World Cultures	3
___	SOC 205	Social Inequality in America	3
___	SOC 308	American Ethnic Groups	3
___	SOC 309	Sociology of the African-American Experience	3

**4. Natural Sciences & Engineering Technology**

___	BIOL 211	Human Biology	3
___	BIOL 243	Public Health	3
___	BIOL 341	Environmental Health	3
___	BIOL/CHEM _____	_____	3
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(electives 200+ level)

# Program Objectives

## B.A. Capstone in Specialized Professional Studies Funeral Service

### Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

1. Increase their breadth of knowledge in the psychological aspects for the funeral services industry.
  - a. Summarize the different personality types and to contrast the differences between them.
  - b. Differentiate between abnormal behavior patterns, classify them using the American Psychological Association classifications.
  - c. Discuss the stages of psychological development of children and adults and to relate these to funeral service counseling and client care.
2. Advance within the profession or proceed to graduate level education
  - a. Increase their exposure to advanced topics in biology and environmental health suitable to advancement to positions as medical examiners or coroners, and for admission to medical school [Environmental concentration only].
  - b. Broaden their backgrounds in the business operation, sales and management sufficient for entry into MBA programs and for business ownership [Business Management concentration only].
3. Communicate through oral and written means the relevant issues of practice within the funeral services industry.
  - a. Be able to locate, interpret, utilize and communicate the results of research in solving environmental health problems [Environmental concentration only].
  - b. Prepare documents and presentations using Microsoft office applications.
  - c. Perform statistical and data processing and display using MS Excel and MathCAD
  - d. Develop sales and marketing plans [Business Management concentration only].
4. Understand the role and responsibilities of Funeral Directors, Embalmers and Pre-Need Councilors within society
  - a. Differentiate between ethical and unethical practices and appreciate the need for ethical and respectful behavior in the treatment of human remains and the services provided to loved ones at their time of bereavement.
  - b. List the regulatory policies of local, state and federal governments and apply such policies to the safe operation of funeral preparations and services.
  - c. Develop plans for the handling, storage, transportation of embalming chemicals and of human remains [Environmental concentration only].