

SLCC Mortuary Science Program

Essential Functions for Career Success

All individuals, including persons with disabilities, who apply for admission to the Mortuary Science Program, must be able to perform specific essential functions with reasonable accommodations. Essential functions are the basic activities that a student must be able to perform to complete the curriculum and function as a funeral service professional.

The following list contains information regarding essential skills outlining the physical abilities and behavioral characteristics necessary for the student to successfully participate in and complete the Mortuary Science Program. These standards are not conditions of admission but reflect the performance abilities and characteristics necessary to complete requirements. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to meet these essential skills if accepted into the Mortuary Science Program. The student should consult with the Program Coordinator and/or the Academic Clinical Coordinator to discuss any individual situation if he or she may not be able to meet these essential performance requirements.

Essential Functions:

- Ability to stand for long periods of time, e.g., 4 – 6 hours
- Ability to work nights, weekends, and holidays
- Ability to operate and licensed to drive a standard vehicle
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. without assistance and over 50 lbs., e.g., 250+ lbs. with the assistance of one other person. In funeral service, two people frequently lift 250+ lbs.
- Ability to bend, twist, kneel, and/or squat while lifting, pushing, or pulling
- Ability to arrive at school/clinical site on time
- Ability to complete work on time
- Psychological ability to work in severe trauma scenarios and with people in distress
- Willingness and able to comply with conservative and professional dress code requirements
- Ability to be exposed to formaldehyde. Some people may be sensitive to formaldehyde. The Salt Lake Community College Mortuary Science Program embalming room meets all required OSHA standards pertaining to formaldehyde exposure and ventilation.
- Ability to work indoors and outdoors in various weather conditions
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent social interaction skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Attention to detail

I UNDERSTAND THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM.

Student Name Print: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____