



## Alabama Board of Funeral Services APPRENTICE EMBALMER AREAS OF TRAINING

**Qualifying activities you may report toward your apprenticeship are:**

<b>1. Observe and assist license embalmer in the following</b>
a) Transfer of remains from place of death
b) Pre embalming procedures
c) Embalming procedures
d) Post-embalming procedures
e) Restorative art, cosmetizing, dressing and casketing

<b>1. Complying with ethical standard of Funeral Service practices</b>
a) Exhibit professional attitude
b) Maintain awareness of changes in funeral service law
c) Comply with laws, rules, and regulations governing funeral service
d) Maintain appropriate certification
e) Maintain confidentiality of information

<b>2. Demonstrate proper telephone and email etiquette</b>
a) Answer the telephone in a positive and factual manner
b) Receive initial notification of death

<b>3. Transfer of remains from place of death</b>
a) Show proper use of removal equipment
b) Wear protective equipment and observes universal precautions during removal
c) Verify the identity of remains/ place identification on remains
d) Comply with embalming/refrigeration regulations
e) Document personal effects
f) Obtain embalming authorization

<b>4. Pre-embalming Procedures</b>
a) Verify identity of deceased
b) Wear protective clothing
c) Place and position deceased on embalming table
d) Inventory, document and clean personal effects
e) Perform pre-embalming case analysis (notation of marks, tattoos, scars, edema, dehydration, decomposition, etc.)
f) Bathe and disinfect deceased
g) Relieve rigor mortis
h) Shave the deceased
i) Set features
j) Select and mix embalming fluids.



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<b>5. Embalming Procedures</b>
a) Locate and raise vessels for injection/drainage
b) Inject embalming fluid into vessels
c) Adjust and monitor the rate of flow and pressure of embalming machine
d) Establish fluid distribution and monitor drainage
e) Treat discoloration, bruises, lacerations
f) Perform proper treatment for special cases (infants, autopsies, trauma, burns, donations)
g) Evaluate fluid distribution and take corrective measures, if necessary
h) Close/suture embalming incision(s) use of trocar button
i) Perform autopsy repair if needed
j) Aspirate, inject and/or treat cavities

<b>6. Post Embalming Care</b>
a) Perform Hypodermic treatment as necessary
b) Treat orifices
c) Groom hands and nails
d) Remove medical devices/implants
e) Bathe and sanitize
f) Clean and disinfect the preparation/embalming room and instruments
g) Dispose of bio-hazardous waste in compliance with OSHA standards
h) Complete embalming case report

<b>7. Cremation</b>
a) Confirm identity of deceased prior to cremation
b) Document and remove jewelry and other personal effects as instructed
c) Obtain consent to remove implanted devices
d) Remove medical devices/implants
e) Place deceased in state required combustible container
f) Position remains in casket

<b>8. Restorative art, Cosmetizing, Dressing and Casketing</b>
a) Perform restoration procedure as authorized by the authorizing agent
b) Cosmetize
c) Dress deceased to ensure proper placement of clothes
d) Place and position deceased in casket/container
e) Ensure proper appearance
f) Adjust cosmetics or lighting if needed for viewing