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The Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors Clarification Regarding Education Requirements for Licensure.

Recent inquiries and concerns received by the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (the “Board”) appear to result from incorrect information distributed as to the educational requirements accepted by the Board for licensure in the State of Maryland.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Pursuant to Health Occupations Article (“Health Occ.”) § 7-306 d(1)(i): Before an individual appears before the Board for approval of an apprentice license, the individual shall be enrolled in or have graduated from a mortuary science program at a school accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service or approved by the Board, with a 2.0 grade point average or higher that is verified with a certified copy of the college transcript, if the individual has a grade point average.

In addition, pursuant to COMAR 10.29.09.03 a student must successfully complete an “embalming practical experience.” COMAR 10.29.09.03.C(2). The Board does not regulate how the student accomplishes the embalming experience. That is a matter dictated by the school and is subject to the laws within the state where the mortuary science program is conducted.

Finally, the Board does not regulate a school’s mortuary science program curriculum or whether a student of mortuary science completes their education via an online course method or in-person classes. However, an applicant for licensure must have graduated from, or be enrolled in, a school accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service or approved by the Board. See Health Occ. § 7-306(d)(1)(i); Health Occ. § 7-303(b)(3).