

ABFSE Directory of Programs - California

Accredited Programs

Listing by State

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American River College
Funeral Service Education
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Accredited Degree Offered: Associate of Science
Distance Education - YES (less than 50% of program)
Part-time option available - No

PROGRAM INFORMATION - American River

Year	Total enrolled	# of New Students	# of Grads	Timely Grad*	Graduation Rate**	Did not finish***	Overall % Employed	Employed In FS
2024	90	44	29	29/29	100%	0	100%	100%
2023	45	33	14	14/14	100%	0	100%	100%
2022	56	21	35	35/35	100%	0	100%	97%

* Timely graduation = complete program in 1½ times designated program length.

** Graduation rate reflects cohort graduation rate (% of students from original cohort completing in the designated year)

*** Left before completing the program; did not finish.

NATIONAL BOARD STATISTICS - American River

Arts	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate		Sciences	Takers	School Pass Rate	National Pass Rate
2024	10	40%	78%		2024	9	44%	73%
2023	21	76%	78%		2023	22	64%	69%
2022	25	66%	69%		2022	25	52%	64%

School pass rate is based on 1st time test takers within one year of graduation.

Accreditation

Program Accredited by ABFSE: Associate of Science - Funeral Service Education

Initial Accreditation 2002/Last comprehensive review 2021/Next comprehensive review 2028.

Re-accreditation: April 2015 for seven (7) years with Focus Visit to review compliance with Standard 6 (recordkeeping) and Standard 11 (aims and objectives assessment).

Most Recent Accreditation decision:

-October 2018 - approved Focus Visit report confirming Standard 6 and Standard 11 compliance.
-April 2022 - 'Probation' status; current accreditation continued while probation concerns are addressed. Probation status requires the following issues to be addressed by March 1, 2023:

- Provide evidence that program records are effectively maintained including appropriate institutional oversight policies to ensure maintenance and continuity in the event of personnel changes.
- Ensure consistent documentation and record-keeping for mandatory evaluation of student competencies in embalming and funeral directing.
- Update agreements for use of off-campus instructional sites.
- Provide evidence that a documented assessment plan is in place to measure program effectiveness and to implement necessary improvements.
- Provide evidence that all deficiencies cited in the prior comprehensive review and site visit have been addressed.

In addition, the program must assure that the program website and publicly distributed materials have a uniform message including the proper accreditation statement.

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