



CAREER PATH

Human Services

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Family and Community Services



FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Perform various tasks to arrange and direct funeral services, such as coordinating transportation of body to mortuary for embalming, interviewing family or other authorized person to arrange details, selecting pallbearers, procuring official for religious rites, and providing transportation for mourners.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a funeral director are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Funeral directors	8.7%	50.7%	40.6%
Other management occupations	19.8%	26.1%	54.1%
Management	17.6%	26.2%	56.2%

Most Common Educational Level: Associate degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$17.88	\$23.86	\$31.37
	Yearly	\$37,200	\$49,600	\$65,200
Missouri	Hourly	\$16.15	\$21.04	\$30.57
	Yearly	\$33,600	\$43,800	\$63,600

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Funeral Director	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	28,800	32,400	+ 12 %	1,050
Missouri	1,040	1,040	N/A	30

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Saint Louis Community College - Forest Park

St. Louis, MO
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