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Featured

Exams Resume Amid Pandemic

We would like to thank our membership, exam candidates, and accredited mortuary programs for your patience during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we have reported over the last couple of weeks, The Conference has been working closely with Pearson VUE to determine the best path forward. Pearson VUE has designated The Conference's testing program as an essential service in providing critical support in the COVID-19 pandemic. Conference candidates (NBE, SBE, LRR, & NC-Path) will be allowed to schedule licensure exams through the usual process though there will be limited test center capacity for scheduling. Please see the FAQ link below to answer many of your questions.

[Essential Testing Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Membership Meeting Place

Here to Assist!

As licensing boards consider how to best respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Conference is here to assist where we can. If we can be of service to you during this time please let us know. Please email any questions or requests services@theconferenceonline.org.

Examination Station

Pearson VUE Testing Status

As Pearson VUE has designated The Conference testing program as essential, we are able to resume testing with limited availability. Candidates are being notified of changes as they occur as are member boards and mortuary schools. Pearson VUE and The Conference continue to monitor the global pandemic and make adjustments to our examination program as needed in accordance with national, state and local guidance.

[Please check this page often for frequent updates.](#)

NBE Committee Interest Update

Thank you to those who submitted an application for the 2020-2021 Examination Committee. Submissions are currently under review and those selected will be notified via e-mail in the coming weeks.

Examination Statistics

[Click here to view NBE stats.](#)

Candidate Services Corner

Working to Ensure Candidate Testing

The Conference office is open and available to assist candidates. Following CDC and Arkansas guidelines, we are working remotely and with limited office access so we appreciate candidate's patience as we process requests and respond to questions as quickly as we can. All applications and orders are still being processed within 2-3 business days. If you have additional questions, the quickest way to reach us is through email (info@theconferenceonline.org).

Spring 2020 NBE Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Claire Ellenberger from Vincennes University, Tamea Gibbs from Northwest Mississippi Community College, Michelle Leismer from Wayne

scholarship! They wrote a short essay on the importance of professional conduct as a student, examinee, and licensee to qualify for the scholarship. We wish them well in their future careers in funeral service and are thrilled to be able to make their licensure process just a little easier.

[Read the press release](#)

Meeting News

116th Annual Meeting

Members of the regulatory community from throughout the United States and Canada gathered for the 116th Annual Meeting to focus on regulation in the death care profession. The meeting was held at The Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida.

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Board Member Training Program Held

The Conference Board Member Training session was held in Palm Coast, Florida, on February 18, 2020 in conjunction with the 116th Annual Meeting. The Conference welcomed attendees from funeral service boards in: Alabama, Kansas, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Utah, and Washington, D.C. Congratulations Kortney Adams, Michael Eldringhoff, Chelsea Krentz, Nicole McClendon, Calvin Meadows, Amanda Starosta, Arvid Wiest, Asanti Williams,

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