

The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

Report for the Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services

January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

**National Examination Statistics**

NBE-Arts

835 first attempts      average score of 78  
657 (78.7%) passed      average score of 79  
178 (21.3%) failed      average score of 72

NBE-Sciences

792 first attempts      average score of 76  
539 (68.1%) passed      average Score of 79  
253 (31.9%) failed      average Score of 71

**Florida State College at Jacksonville**

NBE-Arts

8 first attempts      average score of 76  
5 (63%) passed      average score of 78  
3 (37%) failed      average score of 72

NBE- Sciences

2 first attempts      average score of 75  
1 (50%) passed      average score of  
1 (50%) failed      average score of

Section Averages:

Funeral Arranging and Directing      37/51  
Funeral Service Marketing/Merchandising      13/21  
Funeral Service Counseling      12/19  
Legal and Regulatory Compliance      25/35  
Cemetery/Crematory/Other Dispositions      17/24

Section averages:

Embalming      44/62  
Restorative Art      22/34  
Other Preparation of the Deceased      20/28  
Funeral Service Sciences      17/26

**Miami Dade College**

NBE-Arts

20 first attempts      average score of 73  
9 (45%) passed      average score of 77  
11 (55%) failed      average score of 70

NBE-Sciences

11 first attempts      average score of 74  
5 (45%) passed      average score of 79  
6 (55%) failed      average score of 69

Section Averages:

Funeral Arranging and Directing      33/51  
Funeral Service Marketing/Merchandising      12/21  
Funeral Service Counseling      12/19  
Legal and Regulatory Compliance      22/35  
Cemetery/Crematory/Other Dispositions      16/24

Section averages:

Embalming      42/62  
Restorative Art      21/34  
Other Preparation of the Deceased      20/28  
Funeral Service Sciences      16/26

## St. Petersburg College

### NBE-Arts

14 first attempts	average score of 78
10 (71%) passed	average score of 80
4 (29%) failed	average score of 73

### Section Averages:

Funeral Arranging and Directing	39/51
Funeral Service Marketing/Merchandising	15/21
Funeral Service Counseling	13/19
Legal and Regulatory Compliance	26/35
Cemetery/Crematory/Other Dispositions	18/24

### NBE- Sciences

8 first attempts	average score of 77
5 (63%) passed	average score of 81
3 (37%) failed	average score of 69

### Section averages:

Embalming	45/62
Restorative Art	23/34
Other Preparation of the Deceased	21/28
Funeral Service Sciences	18/26

## Conference Initiatives

- NBE Committee Meeting, February 8-9, 2023
  - Reviewed candidate comments
  - Reviewed current exam forms
- Board Member Training, February 28, 2023
  - Dale Atkinson, The Atkinson Firm & Conference legal counsel
  - 10 attendees; responsibilities of a state board member
- 119th Annual Meeting, March 1-2, 2023
  - 28 states/provinces
  - 9 mortuary programs
  - 5 associations
  - Sessions on Compassion Fatigue, Top Regulatory Cases, Legislative Updates on Methods of Disposition, Funeral Service Administrators Forum
- NBE Textbook Survey, May 2023
  - 53 of 58 mortuary science programs responded
  - These references are the exclusive textbooks used to write items for the NBE
- ABFSE Curriculum Workshop, June 2-4, 2023
  - The Conference helped fund the workshop with a \$4,000 grant
  - Two NBE Committee members participated
- Item Writing Workshop, June 13-15, 2023
  - 18 licensees (2 hold VA licenses)
  - Receive training; write items and do peer review; group review and discussion
- Virtual Meeting "What is a Profession", June 21, 2023
  - Dale Atkinson, The Atkinson Firm & Conference legal counsel
  - 37 attendees
  - Legal protections for "professionals", professionalism requires standards
- NFDA Leadership Meeting, June 25-28, 2023
  - Provided an update on Conference policies, exams, reporting
- Regulatory Membership Questions/Research
  - Topics include- closing documentation/procedure for funeral homes, statutes, rules, and regulations concerning Alkaline Hydrolysis and/or Natural Organic Reduction, how many Boards have specific criteria that must be met and/or a standardized form for continuing education approval, which states require a licensee to meet with families, true reciprocity agreements for funeral service, what is allowed for the naming of funeral homes, state administered indigent burial funds