

The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc.

Report for the Virginia Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers

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

Brightpoint Community College

NBE-Arts

14 first attempts average score of 78
14 (100%) passed average score of 78

NBE- Sciences

13 first attempts average score of 76
11 (85%) passed average score of 77
2 (15%) failed average score of 73

Section Averages:

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| Funeral Arranging and Directing | 41/51 |
| Funeral Service Marketing/Merchandising | 15/21 |
| Funeral Service Counseling | 15/19 |
| Legal and Regulatory Compliance | 26/35 |
| Cemetery/Crematory/Other Dispositions | 19/24 |

Section averages:

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| Embalming | 47/62 |
| Restorative Art | 25/34 |
| Other Preparation of the Deceased | 20/28 |
| Funeral Service Sciences | 18/26 |

Tidewater Community College

NBE-Arts

8 first attempts average score of 81
8 (100%) passed average score of 81

NBE-Sciences

8 first attempts average score of 78
8 (100%) passed average score of 78

Section Averages:

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|---|-------|
| Funeral Arranging and Directing | 41/51 |
| Funeral Service Marketing/Merchandising | 17/21 |
| Funeral Service Counseling | 16/19 |
| Legal and Regulatory Compliance | 30/35 |
| Cemetery/Crematory/Other Dispositions | 20/24 |

Section averages:

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|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Embalming | 49/62 |
| Restorative Art | 26/34 |
| Other Preparation of the Deceased | 21/28 |
| Funeral Service Sciences | 20/26 |

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