PROGRAM OVERVIEW, OUTLINE, TIMED OUTLINE, PRESENTER BIO

PROGRAM NAME: Ohio Master Certification - Embalmer & Funeral Director

PROGRAM DELIVERY: Live Interactive Webinar (Zoom platform) / Open to Public

PRESENTERS:
- Jack E. Lechner, Jr., CFSP, CT, President & CEO CCMS
- Poul Lemasters, Esq., Principal Lemasters Consulting
- Beth Williams, LFD/LE, Institutional Effectiveness CCMS
- Wanda M. Lee, CFSP, MDI, LFD/LE, Faculty/Clinical Director CCMS
- LaToya Henderson, CFSP, LFD/LE, OSHA Trainer, Faculty CCMS
- Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors Staff

PROGRAM LENGTH: 6 Hours

CATEGORIES:
- Master Certification Training OAC 4717-01-1 (all mandated training topics)
- Ethics (1 hour of required 1 hour under OAC 4717-9-1(G)(1)
- Laws and rules (2 hours of required 2 hours under OAC 4717-9-1(G)(3)

FIRST OFFERING: 03/24/2021

OVERVIEW:

This 6 hour continuing education and Master Certification Program delivered at Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, 645 W. North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45224 is a one-day seminar intended to deliver the most advanced and thorough training for funeral director and embalming “Masters”. To achieve excellence as a Master Funeral Director and/or Master Embalmer, death care professionals must be intentionally invested in their role as a teacher and mentor and must desire to develop a well-rounded understanding and knowledge of required legal, ethical, and regulatory components, interpersonal communication skills, understanding of the apprentice’s expanded educational concepts and a desire to help mold the candidates slated to carry on existing and new traditions as the future of the death care profession.

Qualified candidates for Ohio Funeral Director and/or Embalmer “Master”, he/she must hold an active Ohio funeral director or embalmer license for a period of no less than five years and be in good standing with the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. The candidate must complete a one-day, six-hour face-to-face (or live interactive webinar in accordance with Ohio’s amended pandemic hardship rule) board approved training course. Master certification is valid for five years from date of training.

Training is delivered by Ohio Licensed Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Ohio laws, rules and regulations experts, and college educators specializing in death care and funeral service.
PROGRAM OUTLINE

I. **Introduction and Welcome** – 10:00am

II. **Session 1** - 10:05am – 12:00pm (2 hours with 5 minute break)

   Laws and Rules: Preneed, OAC/ORC 4717, Cremation

   *Break for Lunch – 30 minutes*

III. **Session 2** - 12:30pm – 1:00pm (.5 hour with 5 minute break)

   Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
   Executive Director – Additional Board Topics

IV. **Session 3** – 1:00pm – 3:00pm (2 hour with 5 minute break)

   Celebrant, Liturgical / non-liturgical
   Celebrant
   Veteran’s affairs and benefits
   Occupational health and safety administration (OSHA);
   Vital statistics laws and rules;
   Federal trade commission;
   Ethics

V. **Session 4** 3:00pm – 4:30pm (1.5 hour with 5 minute break)

   Duties and Responsibilities of the Master
   Apprentice and Master administrative process and documentation
   Creating a successful relationship between the OBEFD, apprentice, and master
   Connecting with the Apprentice
   Effective, Ethical Preceptors
   Creating the Ethical Death Care Professional you want to hire

VI. **Conclusion and Certificate Distribution**

Resources:
http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4717-5-01v1
http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4717-5-02v1
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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Jack E. Lechner, Jr., M.S., CFSP
Certified in Thanatology
Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
President & CEO

Mr. Jack E. Lechner, Jr. was appointed as the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in January of 2016. He is a retired U. S. Army Colonel with 29+ years of active duty service. He served at Arlington National Cemetery for five years as Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent and deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm.

Mr. Lechner holds a Bachelor of Mortuary Science Degree from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, and Master of Science degrees from Florida Tech and the National Defense University. Jack is a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), licensed funeral director/embalmer in Ohio and Virginia, Certified Crematory Operator and a Crematory Operator Permit holder in Ohio. Mr. Lechner is Certified in Thanatology by the Association of Death Education and Counseling, and a Certified Funeral Celebrant.

His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Bronze Star Medals, three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals and various other awards. He is authorized to wear the Joint Staff Identification Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Rigger Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Ranger Tab.
Poul Lemasters, Esq.  
Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer  
Attorney & National Keynote Speaker  
Principal, Lemasters Consulting, LLC

Poul began his career in death care (funeral homes, cemeteries, cremation) more than 20 years ago as a funeral director and embalmer. He quickly recognized that the growing risk and liability in death care along with the lack of support and resources for those in this profession made for a deadly combination. So, he decided to go to law school—and he passed! Poul used his unique background in both death care and law to provide resources to the vast death care profession for years.

Today, Poul uses his multi-dimensional background as a platform to speak to ALL businesses. His unique background allows him to speak on a variety of topics that affect everyone; add in the death care and legal backdrop and you are in store for some unforgettable stories and experiences that will not soon be forgotten!
Beth Williams, B.M.S.
Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, Master
LFD/EMB, COCP, Certified Funeral Celebrant
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Continuing Education

Beth began her career in death care in 1998 after earning the Bachelor of Mortuary Science from CCMS. She is currently working to complete the Masters of Science in Thanatology with Marian University. She has been an Ohio Licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer for over twenty years, is a Certified Master Funeral Director/Embalmer, Certified Crematory Operator, and Certified Funeral Celebrant. She serves as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Continuing Education, and liaison to the college’s Board of Trustees to ensure strategic development, assessment, and continuity of the college's mission and leadership objectives.

Beth has worked with death care professionals as the Director of Continuing Education, as well as providing mentorship and support for graduates and registered apprentices. Beth developed the college’s Apprentice Seminar program at the college to ensure registered apprentices had access to affordable, specialized Ohio Task List content based apprentice seminars required throughout their apprenticeships. She has also implemented the Apprentice Registration course in collaboration with the needs and input of the OBEFD for each graduating student to help streamline the process and establish efficient and effective communication between apprentices and the licensing board.
Wanda Mullins Lee, CFSP, M.S.
Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, COCP,
Certified Funeral Celebrant/Trainer, Medicolegal Death Investigator
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
Clinical Director / Faculty

Wanda (Mullins) Lee is an Indiana and Ohio licensed funeral director and embalmer, a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), a Certified Funeral Celebrant, a Certified Funeral Celebrant Trainer, and a Certified Indiana Medicolegal Death Investigator (MDI). She is a member of the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, the Greater Cincinnati Funeral Service Association, the Ohio Embalmers Association, the Indiana State Coroner’s Association, and the Funeral Ethics Association. Wanda is authorized to practice in the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the guidelines of the courtesy card Act (KRS 316.14).

Wanda is a 1996 graduate of CCMS where she earned her Bachelor of Mortuary Science Degree. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from Indiana University and a Master of Science Degree in Psychology from Walden University. Wanda has been a faculty member with CCMS for over a decade, teaching a variety of professionally and regionally accredited curricula in mortuary science and social science. Wanda serves as the CCMS Clinical Lab Director as Coroner in Franklin County Indiana. She serves on the Board for Franklin County Emergency Management Services (EMS) and is a member of the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency’s (EMA) Chief’s Association. She also serves on Indiana’s Region 12 Child Fatality Review Team aimed at identifying areas of risk and reducing child deaths.
LaToya Henderson, CFSP, B.M.S.
Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, CCO,
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
Faculty / Clinical Faculty
Certified Funeral Celebrant, Master Funeral Director and Embalmer, OSHA Trainer

LaToya Henderson is a licensed funeral director in the states of Ohio and Kentucky, having served in funeral service since 2011. After graduating Cum Laude from CCMS in 2011 and obtaining her professional degrees in 2012, she was able to gain experience in the death care profession by working with families from different backgrounds, social classes, ethnicities and religions. LaToya has returned to CCMS to join the Faculty as a Clinical Lab Instructor and teaching Business Law and Ethics, Funeral Service Management II & III and Historical to Contemporary Funeral Practices. LaToya is a CANA Certified Crematory Operator as well as treasurer for the Buckeye State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association.

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