



# Open House FAQ's

## 1. Do family-owned funeral homes hire outside the family?

Yes. Most funeral homes in the U.S. (85%) are family-owned, so those are the firms where most graduates are employed. See the job seekers page of our website for job postings: <https://www.ccms.edu/professionals/for-job-seekers/search-job-openings/>.

## 2. Is it likely that I'll find employment in the tristate area?

It is difficult to find apprenticeships in the Tri-state area or any area where there is a mortuary science program as the market becomes saturated. Also, local funeral homes employ students rather than hire apprentices. A willingness to relocate opens up multiple opportunities for most graduates. For those who can't relocate, it can be helpful to attempt connecting with a local firm prior to/during enrollment at CCMS. You can see job postings at <https://www.ccms.edu/professionals/for-job-seekers/search-job-openings/>.

## 3. Does CCMS offer employment assistance?

CCMS does not place graduates in positions, but job postings (for student positions, apprenticeships, and licensee positions) can be found on our website at <https://www.ccms.edu/professionals/for-job-seekers/search-job-openings/>.

## 4. What if you're unsure which state you'd like to work in?

If students meet requirements for Ohio (BMS), then they meet or exceed the educational requirement for all states. But changing states would mean becoming responsible for any specific requirements of that state. Visit the following site for info on state licensing requirements: <http://nfda.org/licensing-boards-and-requirements.html>.

## 5. Can you hold a license in more than one state?

One must become licensed in a particular state (the one in which the apprenticeship is served) and then may reciprocate that license to others, thereby having licenses in multiple states. State regulations governing reciprocity also vary greatly. See information about reciprocity in Ohio here: <https://www.ccms.edu/professionals/license-and-business-resources/courtesy-cards-reciprocity/>.

## 6. What is the hourly rate for student employees?

Compensation information will be provided in the job posting.

## 7. Are there scholarships available?

Yes, there are funeral service scholarships as well as general scholarships available to CCMS applicants/students. We also offer the "CCMS Academic Excellence Scholarship" to incoming students. Information on all types of scholarships and financial aid can be found at <https://www.ccms.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>.

**8. Can you apply to CCMS during your last semester of prerequisites?**

Yes, but it would be better to apply as soon as possible to ensure that the prerequisite courses you plan to take will meet our requirements. Your application for admission is valid for one year from the date of submission.

**9. Do any students commute to CCMS?**

Since we don't offer on-campus housing, technically all of our students commute to CCMS. While many of our students live in Cincinnati while attending CCMS, we have some students who live in surrounding towns/suburbs or even as far away as northern Ohio. We believe that the stellar education students receive at CCMS makes the commute worth it.

**10. When/where do I purchase textbooks?**

You can purchase textbooks before the start of semester I, or you can wait to hear what your instructors say about textbooks. The CCMS library has copies of all textbooks for both checkout and reference. The list of textbooks can be found at:

<https://www.ccms.edu/academics/textbooks-supplies/>.

**11. Do you hold classes year-round?**

Yes, our students attend classes year-round. You can begin classes in either the fall term (August) or spring term (January). There are short breaks (a week or two) in between semesters. See <https://www.ccms.edu/academics/curriculum/> for a breakdown of classes by semester.

*Thank you for attending open house!*