

COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HEALTH SCIENCE



PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE

HEALTH SCIENCE PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Funeral directors, also called morticians and undertakers, manage funeral homes and arrange the details of a funeral.

Responsibilities in mortuary science:

- Arrange transportation of the deceased
- Prepare the body
- Submit paperwork and legal documents
- Consult with the deceased's family
- Help plan funerals
- Discuss and plan funerals with people who wish to arrange their own service in advance



UNK advantages for health science students

- Smaller class size
- Low student-to-faculty ratio
- Laboratory experiences
- Opportunities for student research
- Strong science preparation
- Academic advising
- Mentoring
- Contact with local professionals
- Extensive health careers course
- Health science seminar course
- Application process assistance
- Shadowing programs
- Health Science Club
- Health Careers Fair

HEALTH CAREER BENEFITS

- Chance to help people in need
- Advancement opportunities
- Secure and meaningful employment
- Variety of jobs in different settings

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Students majoring in health sciences display good moral character, value healthcare, communicate well, lead with confidence, adapt to change and show compassion.



BROCK STONACEK

Alumni profile

Prior to college, Brock Stonacek helped at his family-owned funeral home in the Norfolk, Pierce and Osmond, Neb. communities. "I enjoyed meeting with families and learning that person's story. I was able to help families at their time of need and bereavement."

Stonacek then decided to pursue a major in college with an industry/business culture. "I saw myself becoming a funeral director and decided it would be best for me to obtain a business degree." At UNK, he also completed the pre-mortuary science prerequisites and graduated in 2012 before getting accepted into the Kansas City Mortuary Science School.

After graduate school, he returned home and now is employed in his family-owned business. "I am on call at every time of the day and available to assist families."

At UNK, Stonacek says interactions with professors and advisers were easy. "I remember after the first few weeks of a class, a professor could remember your name, and everyone else's name too."

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SUGGESTED SEQUENCE FOR KEY PREREQUISITE COURSES
Consult with your academic adviser.

| Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
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| CHEM 145 or 160 BIOL 211 | CHEM 150 or 161 MATH 102 |
| Semester 3 | Semester 4 |
| ACCT 250 BIOL 225 (recommended) | ACCT 251 BIOL 226 (recommended) |

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE UNK EXPERIENCE



STUDENT PROFILE

Ashley Ware

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Pre-professional program: pre-mortuary science
Minor: social work
Graduation: spring 2016

"I chose to study mortuary science because I had a neighbor who was a mortician. One day he asked me to come down to his work place to help him curl a woman's hair. I did and liked it so much that I decided to pursue the career. I also found that Nebraska has a shortage of morticians and the demand for mortuary work is really high," Ashley Ware said.

From Omaha, Neb., Ware chose UNK because the location is close enough yet not too far from home. "I also like the size of the campus – it's not too big or too small."

Ware is completing the requirements for the mortuary science pre-professional program and has chosen a minor in social work. "What I like most about the health science department is the advisers are extremely nice and will do whatever it takes to make sure their students are taken care of."

Health Science Club

Members in Health Science Club would love to have you join!

- Be sure to check your LoperMail for the weekly edition of the Health Science Weekly newsletter that will include information on upcoming activities.
- Interested students can also **Like** UNK Health Sciences on Facebook to learn more about the organization.



Did you know?

More than 700 students are enrolled in Health Science programs at UNK.

That means, one of 10 Loper students are interested in health-related careers.

UNK has an excellent record helping health science students gain acceptance into professional schools or clinical programs.

For more than a decade, the overall acceptance rate of UNK students into various health programs has been approximately 70 percent.

Job shadowing leads to employment according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Not only will you benefit from the on-the-job training and gain insight into a particular career, industry, or company, but you will also be mentored.

Learn more at

www.unk.edu/healthsciences

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