

St. Petersburg College

Funeral Services Program

The following are essential functions of St. Petersburg College's Funeral Services Program. Students, who graduate from this program will, with or without accommodations, meet these minimum requirements.

1. **Cognitive** and critical thinking abilities are sufficient to make clinical judgments and meet laboratory objectives and requirements.
 - A. *Can* comprehend new knowledge and apply it in any of funeral service practice.
 - B. *Can* analyze situations and identify cause-effect relationships.
 - C. *Can* organize, problems solve and make decisions.

2. **Interpersonal** abilities are sufficient to interact purposefully and effectively with others.
 - A. *Can* establish rapport with individuals.
 - B. *Can* interchange ideas in a group.
 - C. *Can* convey sensitivity, respect, tact, and a mentally healthy attitude in interpersonal relationships.

3. **Communication** abilities are sufficient to convey thoughts in verbal and written form so that they are understood by others.
 - A. *Have* sufficient English language abilities to understand printed and verbal instructions.
 - B. *Have* sufficient English language abilities to be understood in verbal and written communication.

4. **Physical mobility** is sufficient to fulfill classroom, clinical and program objectives safely and effectively.

Physical disabilities do not pose a threat to the safety of the student, faculty, or other students.

 - A. *Can* maintain balance in any position, move from room to room, and maneuver in small spaces.
 - B. *Can* flex and/or abduct and adduct all joints freely.

5. **Strength** (gross motor skills) and endurance are sufficient to safely fulfill clinical laboratory objectives and requirements.
 - A. *Can* work for six or more hours in a laboratory or funeral home.
 - B. *Can* position, lift and transfer dead human remains without injury to self or others.
 - C. *Can* push, pull or lift with assistance from one other person heavy objects such as caskets containing dead human remains.

6. ***Fine motor*** skills and hand/eye coordination are sufficient to safely fulfill laboratory objectives and requirements.
 - A. *Can* manipulate small instruments and sharps used in the embalming process.
 - B. *Can* manipulate objects without dangerous motions, tremors or jerking.
 - C. *Can* write the English language legibly using correct grammar and syntax.

7. ***Auditory ability*** is sufficient to fulfill laboratory objectives and requirements.
 - A. *Can* hear and quickly respond to verbal instructions.
 - B. *Can* hear and write down verbal instructions.

8. ***Visual ability*** is sufficient to fulfill laboratory objectives and requirements.
 - A. *Can* discern the full spectrum of colors and distinguish color changes.
 - B. *Can* accurately read numbers and letters in fine print.
 - C. *Can* read for long periods of time.
 - D. *Can* read cursive writing.
 - E. *Can* detect changes in physical surroundings.

9. ***Tactile ability*** and sense of smell are sufficient to assess the status of the embalming situation.
 - A. *Can* discern physical characteristics such as texture, temperature, shape, size location and others by touch.
 - B. *Can* smell environmental odors.