

CREMATORY OPERATORS

All Crematory Operator applicants are required to take an approved course on crematory operation approved by the Board. This course must include training on:

terminology used by the crematory industry;
principles of combustion;
environmental and air quality issues;
basic procedures for operating cremation equipment;
handling bodies and packaging cremated remains; and
exposure control.

Providers of such courses must be approved by the Board in order for the applicant to receive credit toward the course requirement. The following are some of the approved providers:

Cremation Association North America (CANA)
National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA)
Matthews Environmental
WV Funeral Directors & Crematory Operators Association (WV FDCOA)

Any Crematory operator, licensed prior to July 1, 2003, whose license expires, must take and pass an approved Certified Crematory Operator course prior to their license being renewed or reinstated.