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Admission Health Screening Form

The following immunizations and antibody test are required to protect you during the clinical aspects of the program. Any questions should be directed to your health care provider.

Print Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL
All immunization dates must be listed on this form and acknowledged by a
health care professional.

NO supplemental documentation or immunization records will be accepted.

1. Tetanus or booster within 10 years of start date. Date immunized: _____

2. Meningococcal B within 4 years of start date (NOT required if over 25 years of age).
Dosing and type are subject to the medical professional's discretion.

Date immunized: _____

Check if applicant is over 25

3. Hepatitis B Series of inoculations plus the blood antibody test.

First of the series is required for admission. The student is responsible for completing the series **prior to practicum and clinicals.** Dosing and type is subject to the medical professional's discretion.

Dates: 1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd (if needed): _____ Blood Antibody (Titer) Test: _____
(Required Prior to Admission) (Required Prior to Embalming Clinicals)

I certify that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Medical Professional Name or Practice (please print)

Medical Professional Signature

Date

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Acknowledgment of Understanding of Requirements & Expectations of Funeral Service Industry

Student First & Last Name (please print): _____

The essential functions of funeral service will require candidates to perform many tasks. A goal of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science is to ensure that our graduates become gainfully employed in the funeral service industry. We therefore believe that it is critically important that all applicants understand the general requirements and expectations of funeral service employers, before those applicants make a decision as to whether or not to enroll at PIMS.

We ask that all prospective students read the following list of funeral service industry requirements and expectations, and that all prospective students acknowledge their understanding of those requirements and expectations:

- Funeral service professionals are faced with challenging and difficult situations in counseling the bereaved and caring for the decedent's loved ones. Persons working in this industry therefore must possess a high degree of maturity, emotional stability, and emotional intelligence.
- Death is not a scheduled event. For this reason, most funeral homes require directors to work unpredictable and sometimes long hours. On-call time and after-hours callouts can be expected, and working nights, weekends, and holidays is standard practice.
- Many funeral service employers require drug tests as a condition of employment, and conduct random, periodic, or reasonable cause drug testing. The use of illegal drugs may be an impediment to obtaining or retaining employment in the funeral services industry.
- Due to the personal nature of funeral service, prospective students should consider their social media presence. Anything that a funeral service student or employee posts that might be perceived by a bereaved family to be controversial, insensitive, or offensive in any way may hinder the student's or employee's ability to secure or retain a position in the funeral service industry.
- Be advised that being an insurable driver with a valid license to operate a motor vehicle is a requirement for positions at most funeral homes and at other organizations related to funeral service.
- Funeral service can be physically demanding. The essential functions of a funeral service position generally require that an individual have the capacity to lift at least 45 pounds, be able to bend at the waist and the knees and be able to stand for prolonged periods of time. A funeral service

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employee must be able to perform the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable disability accommodation.

- Although fashion and appearance are personal choices, be advised that many funeral homes and organizations related to funeral service have specific expectations and high standards for dress code, grooming, and personal hygiene.
- Family members and friends of decedents may have negative views of funeral service employees who have visible tattoos. For this reason, having tattoos that cannot be covered up by normal professional attire may be an impediment to obtaining and retaining employment in the funeral service industry.
- Funeral service employers seek employees who have entered into this profession because the employees are caring and compassionate individuals who have a sincere desire to help and comfort others. Prospects may have difficulty obtaining or retaining employment in the funeral service industry if their principal motivation for enrolling at PIMS or entering into this profession is a fascination with death or the macabre, a desire to see or be around decedents, or an interest in the supernatural or the satanic.
- Funeral service employees need to interact with decedents' family members and friends of various religions and of no religion. Prospects and employees therefore need to be respectful and non-judgmental regarding persons' religious beliefs or lack thereof.
- Prospective candidates should be aware that an internship is required in most states prior to licensure. It should also be noted that passing a comprehensive national exam may be required to begin such an internship, and that passing a state exam may be necessary during/after the internship in order to obtain a license.
- Although specific state requirements for licensure vary, most states require a criminal background check for licensure. Before applying at PIMS, a prospect who has a criminal record should consider whether that criminal record would preclude the prospect from being licensed or would make it difficult for the prospect to obtain employment in the industry. A student who would be unable to be licensed because of the student's criminal record may want to reconsider application for admission to PIMS, as PIMS specifically provides a funeral service education to prepare candidates for licensure in any state.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing Requirements and Expectations of Funeral Service Industry.

Student Signature

Student Print Name

Date

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