

# American Funeral Director's *Education Guide 2026*

American Funeral Director believes that developing the next generation of funeral directors is essential in adding real and sustained value to the profession. By offering quality higher

education, mortuary schools play a critical role in equipping future funeral professionals with the skills to deliver meaningful grief support and achieve success in their careers.



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- Choose campus OR online
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- Crematory Operator Certification built-in
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- Offered at our Hackensack Campus
- Evening courses offered in 12 week terms



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Online and On Campus Programs\* Available in:

Funeral Director Certificate  
Associates Of Applied Science in Funeral Service

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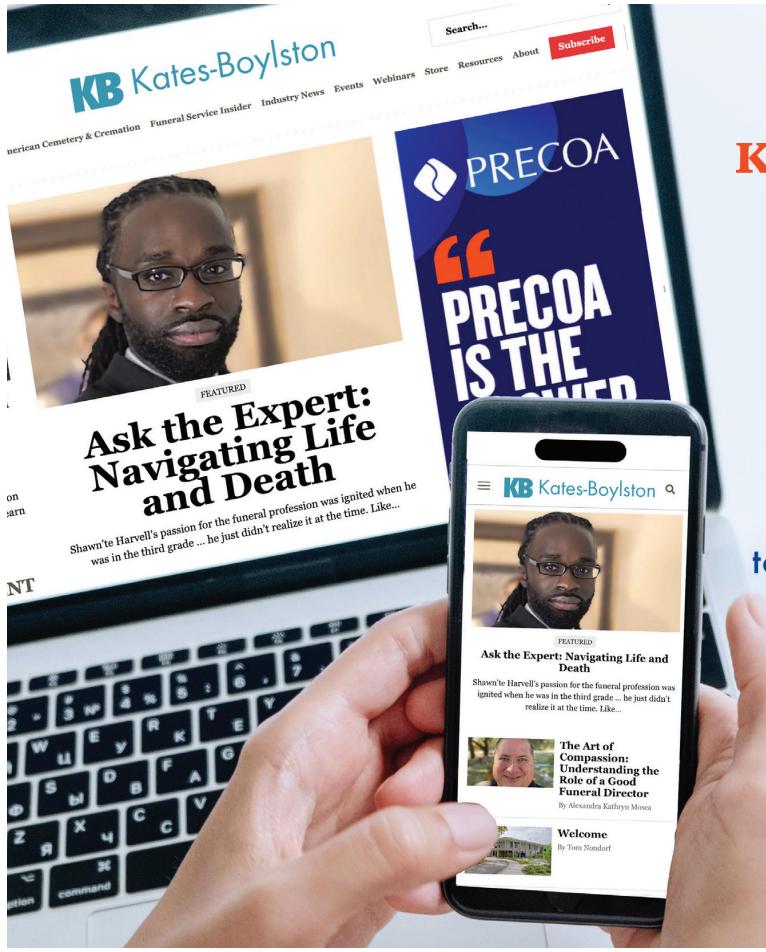


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