

General Overview

- ✓ TYPICAL ON-PROGRAMME LEARNING: 18 MONTHS
- ✓ EPA DURATION: 4 MONTHS
- ✓ MAXIMUM FUNDING: £13000
- ✓ LEVEL 3



The broad purpose of the occupation for both options is to ensure the effective operation of the mortuary and to assist colleagues in providing dignified care of the deceased.

An employee in this occupation will be responsible for three broad areas of work:

- ensuring that the deceased is cared for and presented with dignity and respect in line with religious and cultural requirements.
- ensuring the organisation of daily mortuary activities including mortuary governance for example, checking documentation, reviewing the condition of the deceased, infection control, monitoring equipment and consumables and ensuring that they are replenished and available as necessary.
- ensuring that work areas and equipment are sanitary and functional.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with internal and external stakeholders for example, the deceased, relatives, funeral directors, embalmers, crematoria, cemeteries, funeral arrangers, funeral service operatives, drivers, embalmers, doctors, police, coroners, regulatory agencies (for example, Human Tissue Authority), religious/cultural leaders, bereavement services, midwives, trade organisations, hospital and care home staff, suppliers, managers.

A Funeral Mortuary Technician prepares, dresses and encloses the deceased, ensuring that they are cared for and presented with dignity and respect in line with religious and cultural requirements.

An Anatomical Pathology Technologist assists with post-mortems, evisceration and dissection, removal of organs and tissue retrieval, and reconstruction of the deceased following post-mortem.

Entry Requirements

There are no statutory/regulatory or other typical entry requirements.

On-Programme Competence Evaluation

The apprentice will complete on and off-the-job training, developing their knowledge, skills & behaviours as stipulated within the apprenticeship standard.

Gateway Requirements

The employer, supported by the training provider must confirm that the apprentice is ready for EPA, before the EPA process can begin.

The employer, supported by the training provider must sign a declaration to agree the apprentice has met the required criteria as set out in the Mortuary Technician standard.

As part of the SIAS EPA service, we will check that all gateway evidence has been met before we begin the process of EPA.

End Point Assessment (EPA)

The assessment plan defines the following methods of assessment for the Mortuary Technician standard.

1

Observation with Questioning

- In the observation with questions, an end-point assessor observes the apprentice in their workplace. The apprentice completes their normal duties under normal working conditions.
- The end-point assessor will ask the apprentice a minimum of 8 open questions.
- Duration: 2 hours (+ 10% at end-point assessor's discretion). This includes time for questioning.

2

Professional discussion underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence

- The professional discussion will be structured to give the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate the KSBs mapped to this assessment method to the highest available grade.
- The end-point assessor will ask a minimum of 8 open questions.
- The apprentice can refer to and illustrate their answers with evidence from their portfolio of evidence.
- Duration: 60 minutes (+ up to 10% at end-point assessor's discretion).



Assessment Marking & Grading

Results for each individual assessment method will be available within 15 working days from the assessment date.

The SIAS end-point assessor, will combine the results of each individual assessment method and provide an overall assessment grade of Fail, Pass, Merit or Distinction.



Apprenticeship Certification

Your apprentice will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship on successful completion of all individual assessment methods.



Guidance & Support

SIAS provide a range of resources which offer EPA guidance and support for the apprentice, the employer, and the college/training provider.

We aim help employers and colleges/training providers to support the on-going competence evaluation of the apprentices' knowledge, skills, and behaviour to ensure that your apprentice is confident for their EPA. All of our resources are comprehensively mapped to this apprenticeship standard.