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PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT: Second-year Mortuary Science student at Nassau Community College seeking a Resident Funeral Director position in New York beginning in 2027. Brings hands-on funeral service experience and an academic background in psychology and clinical mental health counseling to provide compassionate, dignified support to families from diverse backgrounds.

EDUCATION

Nassau Community College | Garden City, NY

Anticipated Graduation: May 2027

Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Mortuary Science | GPA: 3.83 | Dean's List

Student Spotlight — New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) [Member Newsletter](#) | April 2026

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

St. John's University | Queens, NY

September 2025

Master of Science in Education (MSEd) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling | GPA: 3.88

St. John's University | Queens, NY

January 2023

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology | GPA: 3.87 | *magna cum laude* | Dean's List (all semesters)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS

New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) Convention | August 2026

Student Day Conference — New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) | April 2026

EXPERIENCE

Hungerford and Clark Funeral Home

Freeport, NY

Funeral Attendant/Greeter

August 2025 – Present

- Warmly greet and interact with diverse populations, providing a calm and welcoming presence during services
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of the funeral home
- Manage guestbook sign-ins and distribute service programs
- Assist in the respectful removal and transport of decedents from nursing homes, hospitals and homes
- Prepare personalized memorial prayer cards for funeral services
- Support funeral and graveside services by serving as a pallbearer and assisting funeral directors as needed

Our Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church

Freeport, NY

Receptionist

August 2024 – Present

- Direct messages to appropriate staff members
- Complete funeral intakes and prepare mass cards and mass intentions
- Provide compassionate guidance to families in planning funeral masses, including the selection of music and liturgical readings

Present Authentic Development Mental Health Counseling PC

New York, NY

Mental Health Counselor (Limited Permit)

October 2025 – January 2026

- Supported individuals in a crisis, practice grief support techniques
- Maintained confidentiality in emotionally sensitive situations
- Provided one-on-one counseling sessions, helping clients work through their issues and develop coping strategies

SKILLS

Medical Terminology – Typing (60-80 wpm) – Microsoft 365 – Google Drive – Active Listening – Communication – Organization – Teamwork – Empathy – Patience – Punctuality – Cultural & Spiritual Sensitivity

CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Existentialism – Death and Dying – Family-Centered Funeral Service – Cultural and Religious Funeral Practices – Aftercare and Family Support – Community-Based Healing – Multicultural Awareness – Grief Counseling – LGBTQ-Affirming Counseling – Anti-Oppressive Counseling

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP) | New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) | American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) | Chi Sigma Iota (International Counseling Honor Society) | Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) | The National Society of Leadership & Success (NSLS) | Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)