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(C) (1) PRIOR TO AN INDIVIDUAL APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF AN APPRENTICE LICENSE, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST COMPLETE TWO-THIRDS OF THE ACADEMIC CREDITS FOR A MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM AT A SCHOOL ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD, WITH A 2.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE OR HIGHER THAT IS VERIFIED WITH A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT.

(2) The applicant shall appear before the Board with the applicant's sponsor. The sponsor shall hold a current valid mortician license in Maryland and shall be employed by the same funeral home that employs the apprentice.

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(4) On termination of the sponsor-apprentice relationship, both the sponsor and the apprentice shall independently notify the Board in writing of:

(i) The date of termination;

(ii) The name, date of death, and date of service for each decedent for whom a funeral service was conducted under paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection in which the apprentice participated; and

(iii) The name, date of death, and date of embalming of each decedent for whom the apprentice assisted in accordance with paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection.

(5) Prior approval must be granted by the Board before a change of sponsorship occurs.

[(e)] (D) While the license is effective, an apprentice license authorizes the licensee to assist a licensed mortician in the practice of mortuary science only as part of a training program to become a licensed mortician.