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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN MORTUARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

practical programme that trains you to receive, preserve, embalm and handle human remains with dignity, following health, legal and cultural standards. You learn through real mortuary practice and are assessed by ISO

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Level	**Certificate**
Department	**Medical Technology and Education Training**
Duration	**6 semesters**
Tuition per semester	**USh 1,290,000**
Application fee	**USh 50,000**
Applications	**Open, apply online**

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

- In the first year, students build a foundation in the human body and safe mortuary practice. They study human anatomy and physiology, basic microbiology, and the chemistry of preservation to understand how the body changes after death and how decomposition can be slowed. Students learn infection prevention and control, use of personal protective equipment, and safe handling of mortuary chemicals and instruments. Communication skills, computer applications, and entrepreneurship are also taught to prepare students for work and self-employment. In the second year, students develop professional mortuary skills. They learn embalming techniques, body preservation and storage, restorative art and body presentation, and assisting pathologists during post-mortem examinations. The course covers mortuary management and record keeping, the legal and ethical procedures for handling the dead, including death registration and release of bodies, and respect for the cultural and religious practices of different communities. Students also learn customer care and how to support bereaved families with sensitivity. The programme ends with a practical project and an industrial training placement in a hospital mortuary, funeral home or forensic facility. This gives students hands-on experience before they graduate and sit their ISO assessments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- To join the National Certificate in Mortuary Science and Technology, an applicant must hold a Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) or its equivalent, with at least five passes obtained at the same sitting. Passes in Biology, Chemistry and English Language are preferred, and a pass in Physics or Mathematics is an added advantage. Applicants with qualifications from outside Uganda must have them equated by the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB). Holders of UACE or a related health certificate are also welcome to apply. Applicants must attach copies of their academic documents, a national ID or birth certificate, and two recent passport-size photographs. Because the work involves handling human remains,

applicants should be at least 18 years old and physically and emotionally prepared for mortuary practice.

How to apply: go to www.oist.ac.ug/portal/apply?program=national-certificate-in-mortuary-science-and-technology, create an account and fill in the application. Please confirm the current fees with the Admissions Office before paying.

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