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**ICCFA Partners with Pierce Mortuary Colleges  
on 2014 Cremation Training Sessions**

*Both Cremation Arranger and Crematory Operator Sessions to be Offered*

**STERLING, VA (January 29, 2014)**—The **International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA)** today announced a new partnership in which the association will be the exclusive provider of external cremation education to the **Pierce Mortuary Colleges**.

ICCFA and Pierce Mortuary Colleges will offer two types of cremation training: the one-day **Cremation Arranger Certification Program** and the one-day **Crematory Operator Certification Program**. All seniors at Pierce Mortuary Colleges will be required to attend the two-day series before they are eligible to graduate.

The dates for the 2014 programs are:

**February**

*Mid-America College of Funeral Service in Jeffersonville, Indiana*

Cremation Arranger Certification: Wednesday, February 19

Crematory Operator Certification: Thursday, February 20

**March**

*Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in Dallas, Texas*

Cremation Arranger Certification: Wednesday, March 5

Crematory Operator Certification: Thursday, March 6

**April**

*Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Decatur (Atlanta), Georgia*

Cremation Arranger Certification: Tuesday, April 29

Crematory Operator Certification: Wednesday, April 30

## September

*Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in Dallas, Texas*

Cremation Arranger Certification: Wednesday, September 10

Crematory Operator Certification: Thursday, September 11

While all of the programs will be held at educational institutions, anyone within the profession is encouraged to attend.

"It's clear to us that ICCFA is a leader in the cremation training arena," said **Dr. Jill Karn**, chief operating officer of Pierce Mortuary Colleges. "Not only do they offer the required crematory operator training mandated by law, but they are trailblazers in showing funeral directors how to conduct an arrangement conference, create tributes that will comfort families in the midst of tragedy, limit liability, maintain meticulous compliance records and implement successful marketing strategies. That's training our students can't get anywhere else. And having students graduate with the crematory operator and cremation arranger certificates gives them an advantage over others also entering the job market."

Added **Nancy R. Lohman, CCFE**, ICCFA president, "ICCFA is very excited to collaborate with an institution as prestigious as Pierce Mortuary Colleges on these cremation programs. Known for their top-notch educational facilities and instructors, they have made a name for themselves that we are proud to stand alongside. Together, we are looking forward to providing robust educational content to not only the students of Pierce, but also to the more seasoned cremation professionals."

To learn more and register for the February, March and April cremation sessions, visit [www.iccfa.com/cremation/tools/certification](http://www.iccfa.com/cremation/tools/certification).

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Founded in 1887, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association (ICCFA) is the only international trade association representing all segments of the cemetery, cremation, funeral and memorialization industry. Its membership is composed of more than 7,500 rooftop locations and 15,000 professionals in the cemetery, funeral home and crematory industries, as well as memorial designers and related businesses worldwide. To learn more, please visit [www.iccfa.com](http://www.iccfa.com) or connect with ICCFA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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