

**CREMATORY OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**  
**AND**  
**ADVANCED CREMATORY OPERATIONS PROGRAM**

The Ohio Cemetery Association in conjunction with Matthews International Cremation Division and The Matthews School of Cremation will be hosting a [Crematory Operators Certification Program](#) following the 2017 OCA Spring Conference on March 23 at the Doubletree Hotel in Worthington, Ohio. This program has been so well received in the past that we are pleased to be offering it again. This course is a 7 hour educational program designed to raise the level of knowledge and understanding of the design, operation, and maintenance of cremation equipment as well as day to day operations of a crematory facility. The Matthews International Cremation Division is the leader in Crematory Operator Certification and are qualified and approved to train operators in all 50 states including states currently requiring certification. Matthews Cremation Division certification is valid for 5 years from the program date.

The OCA is also pleased to announce that in addition to the Crematory Operators Certification Program, a second program, [Advanced Crematory Operations](#) will be offered the following day on March 24 at the same location. This course is for the experienced crematory operator looking to further their knowledge and expertise in the cremation process. Topics include Ethics & Professionalism in the Crematory, Advanced Operating Techniques, Cremation Liabilities and a series of professionally prepared series of operational videos that demonstrate each step of the cremation process. This program is not offered to replace the Crematory Operator Certification Program but to enhance the program.

Both of these programs have been approved by the state of Indiana for 7 Continuing Education hours for licensed Funeral Directors who attend. We are currently waiting for approval from Ohio and Kentucky.

The registration fee for these courses will be \$395.00 for the Crematory Operator Certification Program and \$195.00 for the Advanced Crematory Operations Program. Participants who register for both programs will enjoy a reduced registration rate of \$495.00 for both programs. Special rates for guests staying at the Doubletree in Columbus, Ohio, Ohio will be available for attendees of the 2017 OCA Spring Conference and Cremation Programs. All certificates for program completion and continuing education credits will be mailed to attendees when available.

Complete the registration form and return it to the OCA office along with payment.

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