

A Research of Mortician Employees' Practice:

Using Central Taiwan Area as An Example

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Abstract

This study intends to understand the current condition of professional background, cultivating process and professional self-positioned role of mortician employees; and to explore the effect of different variables of professional backgrounds on cultivating process and professional self-positioned role and analyze the relationship between cultivating process and professional self-positioned role of mortician employees in Taiwan area.

A literature analysis method and questionnaire were adopted and assisted with an interview analysis. The research samples were taken mainly from members of Mortician Industrial Association in central Taiwan. We have gained 149 effective samples from census by using "The current situation of mortician employees in Taiwan area" questionnaire as a tool. The effective samples were then analyzed by various methods, such as descriptive statistic, t-test, ANOVA, Scheffe multiple comparison examination, and typical relation. Finally, we performed interviews with 6 mortician employees to further understand

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their practicing behavior. We have gained the following results:

1. The job value and professional self-positioned role in Taiwan area differ with different variables of backgrounds.
2. The job value of mortician employees in Taiwan area is relatively high, primarily with the item of “competence and environment”. The achievement of the mortician employees are affected by the affirmation of families of the dead.
3. The professional self-positioned role of mortician employees in Taiwan area is universally clear, especially on the role perception item of “funeral service industry”. They perform as the coordinators, planners and the directors on the stage of mortician service industry.
4. An apparent typical relation is shown between various levels of job value and various levels of professional self-positioned role. There is a high explanation level of professional self-positioned role to job value.

Finally, based on the findings of this study, we will provide suggestions and a better understanding regarding the trade ecology, service guidelines and regulations to the administrative authorities, mortician industry, mortician employees, those who intend to enter the trade, and the public.

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