

2025 Convention Schedule

Monday, April 7, 2025

Masterclass Arranger Training - Sugar Maple Room	8:00am - 4:30pm
Golf Outing - Willow Crest Golf Club	12:00pm Tee Time
Early Arrival Meet & Greet - Tin Cup Bar & Grille	7:00pm - 9:00pm
Registration Desk Open	4:00pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Registration Desk Open	7:30am - 5:30pm
Opening Session & Service of Remembrance - DuPage Amphitheater	8:00am - 8:45am
<i>Break</i>	8:45am - 9:00am
Keynote - The Four Minute Formula by Eddie Slowikowski - DuPage Amphitheater (2FD)	9:00am - 10:45am
<i>Break</i>	10:45am - 11:00am
Opportunities in Preparing Obese Cases by John T. Hill - DuPage Amphitheater (2EMB)	11:00am - 12:45pm
<i>Lunch On Your Own</i>	12:45pm - 1:30pm
Teaming Up to Make a Difference by Eddie Slowikowski - DuPage Amphitheater (1FD)	1:30pm - 2:30pm
Expo Hall - Grand Ballroom (1FD/1EMB)	2:30pm - 5:30pm
Member & Vendor Appreciation Party - The Marquis Tent	6:30pm - 9:30pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Registration Desk Open	7:30am - 3:00pm
Policy & Advocacy Report - Michael D. Sharkey - DuPage Amphitheater (1FD)	8:00am - 8:50am
<i>Break</i>	8:50am - 9:00am
Facial Reconstruction 101 by Michelle Johnston - DuPage Amphitheater (2EMB)	9:00am - 10:45am
<i>Break</i>	10:45am - 11:00am
Expo Hall - Grand Ballroom (1FD/1EMB)	11:00AM - 2:00PM
<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>	
Sexual Harassment Prevention Training by Thomas Ripperda - DuPage Amphitheater (1FD)	2:00pm - 2:50pm
<i>Break</i>	2:50pm - 3:00pm
Case Studies in the Dismal Trade by Michael D. Sharkey - DuPage Amphitheater (2FD)	3:00pm - 4:45pm

Concurrent Sessions

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

OSHA & Bloodborne Pathogens by Steven Ward - Mallard Room (2FD)	11:00am - 12:45pm
Embalming the Donor Case by Michelle Johnston - Mallard Room (1EMB)	1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Ethics Training by Tom Ripperda - Mallard Room (3FD)	8:00am - 11:00pm
From Scratch—Building a Successful Funeral Business from the Ground Up by Doug Gober - Mallard Room (1FD)	2:00pm - 3:00pm

*Registration for Arranger Training and Ethics Training is not included in the 2025 IFDA Convention Registration.

*You can only receive credit for the exhibit floor one time and must be on the exhibit floor a minimum of two-hours.

*To earn credit, ensure your badge is scanned or enter the session code in the app, and complete the session evaluation following each session.