

Firefighter-Emergency Medical Technician Career Certificate



The **Firefighter Emergency Medical Technician** is a career certificate vocational program. This program will combine the successful completion of the **Firefighter Minimum Standards** course and the **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** course into one Department of Education completion point. This track is a clock-hour, non-college credit program that meets the instructional requirements for financial aid (FAFSA) eligible students. Students wishing to become a firefighter-EMT will have the option of selecting this program. There is only one daytime (Mon-Wed) class option available each term for the cohort.

Program Outcomes.

- Meet the requirements for Firefighter I and Firefighter II per the Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
- Apply fire sciences theory and suppression techniques to the role of Firefighter
- Use the proper techniques, strategies, tools, skills, and equipment employed by the fire services in a safe and efficient manner
- Communicate effectively in a fire service environment
- Apply interpersonal, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills appropriate to the role of Firefighter in the classroom, in labs and in other practical application settings.
- Work effectively as part of an inter-professional team with classmates, fire instructors, fire services personnel, other emergency response personnel and special populations
- Perform the necessary duties of a firefighter in such areas as: fire suppression, emergency patient care, environmental protection, and special rescue operations
- Identify professional attitudes and behaviors consistent with the expectations of a professional firefighter.
- Perform entry-level skills as described by the scope of practice for EMT.
- Perform effective communication in the pre-hospital healthcare environment.
- Structure a safe environment for patients in the pre-hospital setting.
- Practice professional behaviors in the pre-hospital healthcare setting.
- Execute safe clinical decision making in the pre-hospital environment.

Required Courses:

FFP 0010 Firefighting I
FFP 0020 Firefighting II
EMS 0110 Emergency Medical Technician

Total Contact Hours: 792

Emergency Medical Technology.

This program prepares students for state board certification as an emergency medical technician and focuses on the fundamentals of emergency healthcare in a pre-hospital environment. Students learn to administer basic life support functions.

***Students must have CPR certification by the first day of class (American Heart Association accredited program)
***Successful completion of EMS0110 is a pre-requisite for Firefighter I and II.
*** Acceptance for the semester is conditional and time-sensitive with important steps to complete before going to class. Go to <http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/compliance.cfm> to locate the mandatory orientation and compliance information under 'EMT'. Download and print all PDF documents and follow directives. Students should be prepared to order & purchase uniforms at orientation.

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Requirements for the Firefighter Minimum Standards Training Program.

The Firefighter Minimum Standards program (MSC) includes both Firefighter I and Firefighter II courses, and is designed to incorporate the orientation to fire service with the necessary theory and applications needed to become a certified Firefighter. This program meets the requirements for students to take the state certification exam with the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (which includes both written and practical skills) to become a Certified Firefighter in the state of Florida. This is a vocational credit, limited-access program. Once the state Certification is obtained, students can apply to have 3 academic credits awarded toward an AS degree in Fire Science Technology.

Note: The practical training portions of Firefighter I & II are offered at the training facility located on John Young Parkway and Oak Ridge Road. Students must furnish their own transportation.

Admission to the MSC program is limited. Students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED
- Must be a Florida or Nationally certified EMT-Basic or Paramedic
- Have no felony convictions or significant misdemeanors, be of good moral character
- Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from military service
- Must be a **NONUSER** of tobacco products for at least one year preceding the application
- Must be in good physical condition (as determined by a medical examination form DFS-K4-1022)
- FIT for Fire Assessment Test (stair climb, hose hoist, forcible entry, hose advance, dummy drag)
- Attend orientation in order to receive an application for admissions. Click on the following link for upcoming orientation dates:

*** At orientation, you will receive an application packet, as part of the application, you be required to have Form DFS-K4-1022 completed by a physician to determine that you are in good physical condition. Once you have your application completed you will bring the completed application, along with a copy of your EMT certification or certificate of completion of a state approved program and pay the \$100 application fee. You will then be contacted by a member of our staff to conduct the Fit for Fire test. Lastly, if all is satisfactory, you will be called in to pay your registration fee and you will be fingerprinted on this day.

Click on the following link for upcoming orientation dates: <https://events.valenciacollege.edu/group/cffa>

Requirements for State Certification:

- Successfully complete required coursework for this program
- Receive Certificate of Competency as Firefighter I
- Successfully pass the State Exam for Firefighter II

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