

Florida Department of Education
Curriculum Framework

Program Title: Firefighter
Program Type: Career Preparatory
Career Cluster: Law, Public Safety, & Security

Career Certificate Program

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| Program Number | P430211 | |
| CIP Number | 0743020304 | |
| Grade Level | 30, 31 | |
| Standard Length | 492 Hours | |
| Teacher Certification | Refer to the <u>Program Structure</u> section. | |
| CTSO | N/A | |
| SOC Codes (all applicable) | 33-2011 Firefighters | |
| CTE Program Resources | http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/program-resources.stml | |
| Basic Skills Level | Computation (Mathematics): 10 | Communications (Reading Language Arts): 10 |

Purpose

This program offers a sequence of courses that provides coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the Law, Public Safety and Security career cluster; provides technical skill proficiency, and includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of the Law, Public Safety and Security career cluster. This program offers a broad foundation of knowledge and skills to prepare students for employment in the fire science realm that ranges from a frontline firefighter to entry level fire inspectors and investigators.

The Firefighter program content includes, but is not limited to, orientation to the fire service, fire alarms and communication, vehicles, apparatus and equipment, fire behavior, portable extinguishers, fire streams, fundamentals of extinguishment, ladders, hoses, tools and equipment, forcible entry, salvage, overhaul, ventilation, rescue, protective breathing equipment, first responder emergency medical techniques, water supplies, principles of in-service inspections, safety, controlled burning, and employability skills.

Additional Information relevant to this Career and Technical Education (CTE) program is provided at the end of this document.

Program Structure

Pursuant to 633.128, Florida Statutes, the Department of Financial Service, Division of State Fire Marshal, has established training requirements for firefighters and volunteer firefighters. These requirements are implemented by Rule 69A-37.055, Florida Administrative Code. This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of two occupational completion points. **(NOTE: The curriculum frameworks are subject to change by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST) as IAW statutory or Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) rule changes.)**

This program is comprised of courses which have been assigned course numbers in the SCNS (Statewide Course Numbering System) in accordance with Section 1007.24 (1), F.S. Career and Technical credit shall be awarded to the student on a transcript in accordance with Section 1001.44(3)(b), F.S. **(NOTE: Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST) course number system on their frameworks is not the same as SCNS. Ensure to report the FDOE SCNS Course Number.)**

To teach the courses listed below, instructors must hold at least one of the teacher certifications indicated for that course.

The following table illustrates the postsecondary program structure:

| OCP | Course Number | Course Title | Teacher Certification | Length | SOC Code |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| A | FFP0030 | Firefighter I | FIRE FIGHT 7G | 191 hours | 33-2011 |
| B | FFP0031 | Firefighter II | | 301 hours | 33-2011 |

Common Career Technical Core – Career Ready Practices

Career Ready Practices describe the career-ready skills that educators should seek to develop in their students. These practices are not exclusive to a Career Pathway, program of study, discipline or level of education. Career Ready Practices should be taught and reinforced in all career exploration and preparation programs with increasingly higher levels of complexity and expectation as a student advances through a program of study.

1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
4. Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason.
5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
10. Plan education and career path aligned to personal goals.
11. Use technology to enhance productivity.
12. Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.

Standards

The **Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST)** is responsible for establishing uniform minimum standards for the employment and training of firefighters and volunteer firefighters and for establishing and maintaining firefighting training programs, curricula requirements, and certification of training schools and training school instructors.

The Curriculum Development staff is responsible for the design, implementation, maintenance, evaluation, and revision of job-related curricula for the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST) approved firefighters and volunteer firefighters, advanced, specialized, and specialized instructor training programs for firefighters.

The **Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (BFST)** approved curricula is available at:

Firefighter I: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/BFST/Training/2020FirefighterPartI.docx>

Firefighter II: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/BFST/Training/2020FirefighterPartII.docx>

Additional Information

Laboratory Activities

Laboratory investigations that include scientific inquiry, research, measurement, problem solving, emerging technologies, tools and equipment, as well as, experimental, quality, and safety procedures are an integral part of this career and technical program/course. Laboratory investigations benefit all students by developing an understanding of the complexity and ambiguity of empirical work, as well as the skills required to manage, operate, calibrate and troubleshoot equipment/tools used to make observations. Students understand measurement error; and have the skills to aggregate, interpret, and present the resulting data. Equipment and supplies should be provided to enhance hands-on experiences for students.

Special Notes

See the following website for additional information: <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/BFST/Standards/default.htm>

Cooperative Training – OJT

On-the-job training is appropriate but not required for this program. Whenever offered, the rules, guidelines, and requirements specified in the OJT framework apply.

Basic Skills (if applicable)

In a Career Certificate Program offered for 450 hours or more, in accordance with Rule 6A-10.040, F.A.C., the minimum basic skills grade levels required for postsecondary adult career and technical students to complete this program are: Computation (Mathematics) and Communications (Reading Language Arts). These grade level numbers correspond to a grade equivalent score obtained on a state designated basic skills examination.

Adult students with disabilities, as defined in Section 1004.02, Florida Statutes, may be exempted from meeting the Basic Skills requirements (Rule 6A-10.040). Students served in exceptional student education (except gifted) as defined in s. 1003.01, F.S., may also be exempted from meeting the Basic Skills requirement. Each school district and Florida College System Institution must adopt a policy addressing procedures for exempting eligible students with disabilities from the Basic Skills requirement as permitted in Section 1004.91.

Accommodations

Federal and state legislation requires the provision of accommodations for students with disabilities to meet individual needs and ensure equal access. Postsecondary students with disabilities must self-identify, present documentation, request accommodations if needed, and develop a plan with their counselor and/or instructors. Accommodations received in postsecondary education may differ from those received in secondary education. Accommodations change the way the student is instructed. Students with disabilities may need accommodations in such areas as instructional methods and materials, assignments and assessments, time demands and schedules, learning environment, assistive technology and special communication systems. Documentation of the accommodations requested and provided should be maintained in a confidential file.

Note: postsecondary curriculum and regulated secondary programs cannot be modified.

Additional Resources

For additional information regarding articulation agreements, Bright Futures Scholarships, Fine Arts/Practical Arts Credit and Equivalent Mathematics and Equally Rigorous Science Courses please refer to:

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/program-resources.shtml>