

FIRE OFFICER - LEVEL ONE CERTIFICATE

Completion of the Fire Technology Associate of Applied Science degree provides students with the knowledge and skills required for a successful career in the fire service. The degree is designed to build on completion of the Fire Academy, which satisfies the curriculum requirements of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) for Basic Structure Fire Suppression personnel. Subsequent courses in the degree are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for first-level supervision in a fire department.

To obtain TCFP certification as Basic Structure Fire Suppression Personnel, students must complete both an approved Fire Academy and a recognized emergency medical course. The Fire EMT Basic Enhanced Skills Certificate is provided to satisfy this requirement.

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Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. Program-specific information will be provided in course syllabi.

Information regarding specific state requirements, start dates, and applications can be obtained by calling the Public Service Careers Department at 409-933-8285 or the Fire Technology Director at 409-933-8934.

Stackable Credentials

- Associate of Applied Science - Fire Technology (<http://coursecatalog.com.edu/catalog/areas-of-study/public-safety/fire-technology-aas/#fulltimescheduletext>)
- Certificate - Fire Officer (p. 1)

FIRT 1353 or FIRT 1305	Legal Aspects of Fire Protection Service or Public Education Programs	3
FIRT 1443 or FIRT 2457	Fire Officer II or Fire Officer IV	4
FIRT 1450 or FIRT 1440	Fire Investigator or Fire Inspector II	4
FIRT 2309 or FIRT 1392	Firefighting Strategies and Tactics I or Special Topics in Fires Service Administration - Fireground Incident Commander	3
FIRT 2407	Fire Instructor II	4
Semester Credit Hours		19
Total Semester Credit Hours		19

Full-Time Student Schedule

Course	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Semester #1		
FIRT 2111	Incident Safety Officer	1