

Firefighter Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ✓ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ✓ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ✓ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ✓ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Contact/Clock Hours: 492 hours that must be completed and documented. Students should understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Related Career Pathways include the following: Fire Inspector.

Related Industry Certifications: Upon completion of this program, students will be prepared for the following certifications or licenses: Firefighter.

Application Procedure

Firefighter is a **Limited Access program** and admission in the program is based upon the following criteria. All needed instructions and paperwork are provided during the admission process.

To meet the minimum requirements for consideration for acceptance into the program, applicants must complete the following as instructed during the admission process:

- ☐ Provide evidence of a successful completion of an accredited EMT or paramedic certification.
- ☐ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ☐ Applicants must attend an information session at the Fire Academy of the South (FAS). For session dates, contact firefighter@fscj.edu or call (904) 997-4919.
- ☐ Submit notarized copy of statement of meeting minimum requirements of a fire fighter in the state of Florida.
- ☐ Applicants are required to submit official transcripts from both high school/GED® and any postsecondary education. Transcripts must be officially sealed and submitted to the Fire Academy of the South with the application.
- ☐ Submit an affidavit of non-use of tobacco.
- ☐ Students may start FFP0030 without EMT or paramedic certification but must have earned one of these certifications prior to starting FFP0031.

Note: Students who hold an EMT or NREMT license will be given enrollment preference into FFP0030.

Subsequent to acceptance, certified fire and rescue departments are required to have all employees complete drug screening and a criminal background check for employment. Completion of this program is intended to lead to employment in certain safety sensitive positions that are also physically demanding. To ensure student safety as well as employability in the widest possible manner, all students are required to submit drug screening and criminal background check results and a physical exam to the Fire Academy prior to enrolling in the program. Additionally, applicants must:

- ☐ Submit proof of medical insurance to remain in force for the duration of program.
- ☐ Complete the Application for Certification as a Fire Fighter. Visit the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training website at myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/bfst.

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria.

Sample Roadmap

Note: Students will complete the following courses **one at a time** in the order listed.

Course	Contact Hours	Weeks per Course
FFP 0030 – Fire Fighter I	191	12
FFP 0031 – Fire Fighter II	301	12

Stay on Track

Meet the Career Certificate graduation requirements:

- ☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn the required number of clock hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale in all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total clock hours required for the certificate program as a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- ☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.
- ☐ Meet or exceed the program's exit requirement(s), if applicable, or meet the criteria to earn a waiver.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=5820

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/5820

GED® and GED Testing Service® are registered trademarks of the American Council on Education (ACE). They may not be used or reproduced without the express written permission of ACE or GED Testing Service®. The GED® and GED Testing Service® brands are administered by GED Testing Service LLC® under license from the American Council on Education.