



CISCO COLLEGE

FIRE ACADEMY/BASIC FIREFIGHTER

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Firefighters control and put out fires, and respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment are at risk. A firefighter is a rescuer extensively trained in firefighting, primarily to extinguish hazardous fires that threaten property and civilian or natural populations, and to rescue people from dangerous situations, like collapsed or burning buildings or crashed vehicles. In some areas, they are also trained in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and operate ambulances in addition to being a firefighter. When responding to an emergency, firefighters are responsible for connecting hoses and hydrants, operating the pumps that power the hoses, climbing ladders, and using

other tools to break through debris. Firefighters also enter burning buildings to extinguish fires and rescue individuals. Many firefighters are responsible for providing medical attention. When they are not responding to emergencies, firefighters are on call during their shifts at the fire station. During this time, they regularly inspect equipment and perform practice drills. Some firefighters also work in hazardous materials units, and are specifically trained to control and clean up hazardous materials, such as oil spills and chemical accidents.

TASKS

- Drive fire trucks and other emergency vehicles
- Put out fires using water hoses, fire extinguishers, and water pumps
- Find and rescue victims in burning buildings or other crisis situations
- Treat sick or injured
- Prepare written reports on emergency incidents
- Clean and maintain equipment
- Conduct drills and physical fitness training
- Provide public education on fire safety

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Firefighters sleep, eat, and remain on call at the fire station when not tending to emergencies
- Firefighters respond regardless of the weather or time of day
- Typically encounter dangerous situations, such as collapsing floors, traffic accidents, and over-exposure to flames and smoke
- Must wear heavy protective gear to lower exposure risks
- Shifts are usually 24-hours on duty, and are off the following 48 or 72 hours

SALARY DATA

National Median Wage:
\$49,030/year
(BLS.gov 2017)

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PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Complete the Cisco College application.
- Have all official transcripts sent to Cisco College Admissions Office.
- Fill out FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*).
- Complete a Fire Academy Application and **return it by May 1st for Fall Semester entry.**
- Participate in student advisement with the Fire Academy Chair prior to applying to the program.

DAY CLASSES
FALL, SPRING, AND
SUMMER SEMESTERS
ABILENE LOCATION

*** STUDENTS RECEIVING A DEGREE OR A CERTIFICATE MUST COMPLETE THE CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS.**
PART-TIME STUDENTS WILL NEED MORE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM

BASIC FIREFIGHTER - LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

FIRST SEMESTER (Fall) - 9 HRS

Held at Texas State Technical College

EMSP 2237 Emergency Procedures	2
EMSP 1261 Clinical-EMT	2
EMSP 1501 Emergency Med Tech: Basic	5

SECOND SEMESTER (Spring) - 10HRS

Held at Cisco College

FIRS 1301 Firefighter Cert I	3
FIRS 1407 Firefighter Cert II	4
FIRS 1313 Firefighter Cert III	3

THIRD SEMESTER (Summer) - 13 HRS

Held at Cisco College

FIRS 1319 Firefighter Cert IV	3
FIRS 1323 Firefighter Cert V	3
FIRS 1329 Firefighter Cert VI	3
FIRS 1433 Firefighter Cert VII	4

A LIMITED NUMBER OF
APPLICANTS ARE ACCEPTED
INTO THE PROGRAM. As a
result, the selection process is
taken very seriously.

The Fire Academy is a comprehensive, one-year program designed to establish information, education, and the skills necessary to work in a fire department. General knowledge and skills topics include: fire department communications; rescue operations; fire prevention, preparedness, and maintenance.

Students should be prepared to participate in outdoor classroom instruction and activities which require demonstrations of firefighter skills and training that is physically demanding. Evening & weekend assignments are required. Both written and performance skills are necessary for evaluation/testing.

Successful completion of the program is mandatory in order to take the exam for the **Texas Firefighter Certification.**