



Program Map 2023-24

Firefighter

Degree: A.S. in Fire Science

Certificate: Firefighter CC



Program Description:

This limited access certificate program focuses on the theory and practice of fires and firefighting. Upon completion of this program, you will learn how to safely perform the tasks of a firefighter in emergencies and in the fire station. Some topics covered include instruction in fire chemistry and physics, combustible materials, perform search and victim removal methods, building construction, fire codes and related laws, occupational safety, and equipment operation. Eligibility to take the state certification examination requires successfully completion of the required courses and meeting the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training application requirements. Florida Statutes require this certification for employment in the fire service. The SFSC Firefighter program is accredited by the Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.

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Program Map to choose courses, with your program navigator's assistance, and track your progress toward milestones and the completion of the program. Alternate cohorts can be added to accommodate part-time students.

Admission Requirements

This is a limited access program with admission requirements dictated by State and local advisory committee standards. Minimum fire standards as required by Section 633.412, Florida Statutes (F.S.) you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- have a high school diploma or GED
- pass a medical physical as outlined by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
- submit a notarized non-user of tobacco affidavit
- complete both SFSC and Firefighter I/II admission applications

All student seeking certification will be required to submit fingerprints for evaluation by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training to ensure compliance with Florida Statute and Administrative Code.

Recommended Soft Skills

Integrity	Consistent honesty, able to be trusted with property and confidential information
Empathy	Showing compassion to others, responding appropriately to emotional responses
Self-Motivation	Taking on and following through on tasks without constant supervision
Self-Confidence	The ability to trust personal judgment, demonstrating an awareness of strengths and limitations
Communication	Speaking clearly, writing legibly, listening actively, and adjusting communications as needed
Time Management	Consistent punctuality, completing tasks and assignments on time
Teamwork and Diplomacy	Placing the success of the team above self-interest
Respect	Being polite to others and behaving in a manner that brings credit to the profession



Common First Term

Check when complete	Course Number	Title	Contact Hours	Fall Cohort	Spring Cohort
<input type="checkbox"/>	FFP 0030	Firefighter I	191	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/>	FFP 0031	Firefighter II	301	X	X
Total Semester Credit Hours =				492	492

MILESTONE 1: Completion of this term makes the graduate eligible for the State of Florida Firefighter Certification examination. Successful certification makes the graduate eligible for employment in the profession.

Alternate schedules are available to include, but not limited to a “shift-based” schedule (designed to accommodate the work schedule for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics) and nights/weekends.

Career Resources

SFSC’s Career Development Center website provides detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer programs: southflorida.edu/current-students/career-development-center.

Common Job Titles

- Firefighter
- EMT (Paramedic)/Firefighter
- Firefighter/EMT (Paramedic)

Regional Labor Market Information

- DeSoto County Fire Rescue: desotobocc.com/departments/public_safety
- Hardee County Fire Rescue: hardeecounty.net
- Highlands County Fire Rescue: hcbcc.net/departments/PublicSafety/index.php

Legend

GPS Coach = the individual who assists with your orientation to SFSC and gets you started on your path.

Academic Advisor = the individual who helps you plan your coursework and recommends the best path for you.

Program Navigator = the individual who keeps you on your path and leads you all the way to graduation.