

FIRE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

 Frederick Community College



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The Fire Service Administration program at Frederick Community College prepares graduates to function as entry-level fire and emergency service providers as well as to provide the degree credential necessary for rank promotion and career advancement.

The Program

The Fire Service Administration program is open to any career or volunteer firefighter. This program integrates general education coursework with the major components of the Division of Fire Rescue Services (DFRS) Fire/Rescue training curriculum.

A degree in Fire Service Administration provides fire rescue employees and volunteers with opportunities for advancement and prepares them for leadership roles. This program is supported by DFRS, the Professional Firefighters Association and Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, and was created to help local fire and rescue divisions develop a professional fire service.

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in applying knowledge and skills pertaining to firefighting, principles of fire behavior, fire protection systems, and fire and emergency services policy and operational procedures.
- Incorporate the values and behaviors of an academically trained professional, and identify the various parameters of the career.
- Evaluate case scenarios using mastery of firefighting and EMS concepts.
- Apply principles, practices, and methods of the fire and rescue system to affect successful resolutions to potentially and commonly-encountered situations.
- Demonstrate appropriate methods of assessment and leadership skills to elicit patient information or conduct scene analyses and prepare applicable reports, documents, reviews, etc.

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

A degree in Fire Service Administration will prepare Maryland fire-rescue officials to meet the challenges of a complex global society through high-quality, accessible, and innovative lifelong learning. The ever-growing population of our state requires increasing numbers of fire-rescue officials and emergency services workers to be skilled at communication, problem-solving, decision making, and cultural awareness in order to be effective in support of public safety. The key to creating and maintaining this type of professional firefighter is education.

The median annual wage for firefighters was \$46,870 in May 2015. Employment of firefighters is projected to grow 5 percent from 2014 to 2024. Physically fit applicants with high test scores, some post-secondary firefighter education, and paramedic training should have the best job prospects.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Firefighters

Financial Assistance

Tuition Assistance is available through Frederick County for career personnel. The Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association has a scholarship program to assist volunteer personnel.

FCC participates in federal, state and local financial aid programs. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, and for scholarships offered by the College and community. Financial aid applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, J301, or online at fafsa.ed.gov. The scholarship application is available at frederick.edu.



Advance your fire fighting career with a degree in Fire Service Administration from Frederick Community College.

Our Faculty

Robin Shusko holds a Masters degree and has been the Public Safety program manager at Frederick Community College for many years. Other faculty members hold Masters and Doctorate degrees, and are experts in their fields. All instructors take a personal interest in preparing fire-rescue officials to meet the challenges of serving the citizens of Maryland.

Transfer Opportunities

This program is structured to allow students to easily transfer credits to a four-year institution. The Fire Service Administration degree program has been fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. This program has an articulation agreement with the University of Maryland University College (UMUC).

Program Highlights

- Open to any career or volunteer firefighter or emergency services worker
- Convenient classes held at the Public Safety Training Facility
- Flexible class times including days and nights
- Earn credits for certifications you have already completed
- Tuition Assistance available
- Courses transfer to four-year degrees

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<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	
English		
EN 101 English Composition.....	3	
Mathematics		
Mathematics Elective (GenEd course list).....	3/4	
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Social & Behavioral Sciences (GenEd course list).....	3	
Arts & Humanities		
Arts and Humanities Elective (GenEd course list) (CMSP 105 or CMSP 107 recommended).....	3	
Biological & Physical Sciences		
Science Elective (GenEd course list) (BI 103, BI 117 or CH 101 recommended).....	3/4	
Interdisciplinary & Emerging Issues		
HE 201 Stress Management.....	3	
General Education Elective (Select from GenEd course list).....		3
PE/Health Requirement (HE 201 satisfies this requirement).....		1/3
Departmental Requirements		
FSA101 Fire Protection Systems.....	3	
FSA103 Fire Investigation and Analysis.....	3	
FSA105 Risk Assessment, Reduction, and Safety.....	3	
FSA107 Disaster Planning and Response.....	3	
FSA109 GIS and Technology for Fire Services.....	3	
FSA201 Fire and Emergency Services Administration.....	3	
FSA203 Principles of Fire Service Leadership.....	3	
EM104 Disaster Response and Recovery.....	3	
Other Requirements		
FS145-EMTB Emergency Medical Technician*.....	6	
FS112-EVO Emergency Vehicle Operator*.....	2	
FS101-FFI Firefighter I*.....	3	
FS102-FFII Firefighter II*.....	2	
FS108-HMO Hazardous Material Operations*.....	1	
FS117-ICS Incident Command System*.....	1	
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*The credits will transfer as 15 credits of work articulated from either the DRFS recruit fire academy program, The National Fire Academy (NFA), OR MFRI. These classes are restricted to employees or volunteers of the Fire/EMS department.

Students must complete their credit English and Mathematics within the first 24 credits. One general education course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement. CORE: The General Education CORE is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://www.acaaff.usmh.usmd.edu/artweb/index.html>

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at frederick.edu/gainfulemployment.