

Wildland Firefighter Type II

Short term Certificate of Completion

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The short-term certificate is designed to provide basic skills for students interested in working in the wildland fire profession. Courses are open to all students and the certificate takes one to two terms/quarters to complete.

Students will meet the standards set forth by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group under the Wildland Qualifications System for the courses that taught using NWCG curriculum and provides certification. The Wildland Fire program also offers more extensive training with a Certificate of Completion in Wildland Fire Suppression as well as an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Wildland Fire/Fuels Management.

PROGRAM COSTS

(beyond standard tuition/fees and textbooks)

Material Costs

- Hard hat, gloves, 12" leather boots with Vibram soles, fire clothes, ear protection, eye protection: \$250-\$500. (Some fire clothes may be provided by the College, check with the program director. Boots will NOT be provided.)

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirements

- Required:
 - Minimum placement scores resulting in WR 121 Academic Composition placement or completion of WR 065 Rhetoric and Critical Thinking II/WR 095 Basic Writing II with a grade "C" or better
 - Minimum placement scores resulting in MTH 060 Algebra I/MTH 085 Technical Mathematics I placement or completion of MTH 020 Pre-Algebra with a grade "C" or better
- Recommended:
 - High school diploma or GED

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses

FOR 100	Forestry Program Orientation	1
FOR 110	Wildland Fire Science I	2
FOR 111	Forestry Perspectives	4
or SFS 101	Introduction to Emergency Services	
FOR 230A	Map, Compass and GPS	3
WF 101	Firefighter Type II Training	3
WF 103	Safety for Survival	3
or SFS 102	Firefighter Safety & Survival	
WF Elective or FOR 130		2-4
Total Credits		18-20

ADVISING NOTES

For all Suppression short courses (S-courses), students will be given National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) certification. Minimum qualifications for entry into the occupation is Firefighter Type II (FFT2) which is offered fall term for the less-than-one-year Firefighter Type II certificate.

Students will need to be physically fit for employment in the occupation of wildland firefighter. For an FFT2 position, students are required to pass the arduous "pack test" (three miles in 45 minutes carrying 45 pounds).

This certificate is designed for students planning to enter their chosen career upon graduation. Often only selected credits are considered transferable to public or private baccalaureate institutions.