

FIRE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

 Frederick Community College



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Public Safety: Fire Service Administration

The Fire Service Administration concentration in the Public Safety 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 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 **average salary** for **Firefighter II in FCFS** was **\$69,060** in May 2023. Employment of firefighters is projected to grow **4** percent from 2021 to 2031. Physically fit applicants with high test scores, some post-secondary firefighter education, and paramedic training should have the best job prospects.

Source: [Salary.com](https://www.salary.com)

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

Jason Deater holds a Masters degree and served Frederick County as a Firefighter and deputy sheriff before coming to manage first responder programs at Frederick Community College. Other faculty members hold Masters and Doctorate degrees with years of experience in the field. 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 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

- Academic credit for MFRI or EMT training
- Classes held on-line and at the Public Safety Training Facility
- Flexible class times including days and nights
 - First Responder specific scholarship referrals
- Tuition Assistance available
- Courses transfer to four-year degree institutions

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Course

Credits

English

ENGL101 English Composition.....3

Mathematics

Mathematics Elective (GenEd course list).....3/4

Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social & Behavioral Sciences (GenEd course list).....(choose 2 courses or 6 credits).....3x2

Arts & Humanities

Communication (CAL) Elective (GenEd course list) (Language or COMM 103, 109, or 111)..3

Biological & Physical Sciences

Science Elective (GenEd course list) (BI 103, BI 117 or CH 101 recommended)3/4

Interdisciplinary & Emerging Issues

HLTH 160 Stress Management.....3

General Education Elective (Select from GenEd course list) ..(EMGT 101 Recommended)3

PE/Health Requirement (HE 201 satisfies this requirement)1/3

Departmental Requirements

FIRE101 Fire Protection Systems.....3

FIRE103 Fire Investigation and Analysis3

EMGT 104 Disaster Response & Recovery.....3

EMGT 106 Hazard Risk and Mitigation.....3

EMGT 201 Public Safety GIS & Technology.....3

EMGT 213 Social Impacts of Disaster.....3

EMGT 221 Public Safety Leadership and Ethics.....3

**FIRE 105 Topics of Modern Fire Service (may substitute for FIRE 101, 103, EMGT 104 or 106 when offered)3

Credit for Training*

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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*Up to 15 hours of academic credit for fire and EMT training from either the DRFS recruit fire academy program, The National Fire Academy (NFA), OR MFRI for employees or volunteers of a Fire/EMS department.

Students must complete credit English and Mathematics within the first 24 credits. One general education course must meet cultural competence graduation requirement (EMGT 213 Recommended). CORE: The General Education CORE is a foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution when selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://www.acaff.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.