

## Firefighter I/II Certificate, PSAV

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Graduates of the Firefighter I/II Certificate Program are prepared to become a credentialed Firefighter after successful completion of the State of Florida Firefighter II Certification Exam. This program provides training for Southwest Florida firefighters in partnership with the North Collier Fire Training Center. Students must satisfy the requirements set forth by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) [Standard 1001](#) and Florida Administrative Code Rule [69A-37](#).

Firefighters control and extinguish fires or respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk. Duties may include fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and disaster assistance.

This 492 clock hour certificate takes six (7) months to complete. Classes are held in North Collier Fire Training Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturdays. The cost for this course varies due to equipment needs. Approximately \$4,100 will cover course application, gear rental (if needed), uniforms, books, testing, fingerprinting, etc. Current occupational employment and wages data for Fire Fighters are published by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics at [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes332011.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes332011.htm).

### Application Deadlines:

**Spring Semester Start** - Application due by **November**

**Summer Semester Start** - Application due by **May**

### Admission Requirements:

The Firefighter I/II Certificate Program has limited enrollment. The Program is a physically and mentally challenging course that include extensive classroom and practical field components. Students must be physically prepared for the vigorous physical activity required to successfully complete the program. The Physical Ability Test (PAT) will ensure that all candidates entering the program have the physical ability to complete the course. Students must pass the Physical Ability Test prior to admission to the program.

Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the Firefighter I/II Certificate Program . Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the program office or through the School of Health Professions Emergency Medical Services office at (239)489-9392. Admission applications are located at [www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/certifireacademy](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/certifireacademy).

After acceptance, students must complete the following:

- State Fire Marshall Medical Health Form (DFS-K4-1022)
- Current Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals (CPR and AED).
- Criminal background check and drug screening at the applicant's expense.

### Career Pathway: to AS to BAS Degree

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Per Florida Career and Technical Education Statewide Articulation Agreement: School District Technical Center and state college faculty committee met and agreed to propose that the 398 clock hour program in Firefighter I/II shall articulate **three (3) college credit hours to the AS degree in Fire Science Technology.**

After earning the AS degree, students may continue at FSW in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Administration or the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision Management. Consult with a college advisor to learn more about the unique career pathways available at FSW.

## Firefighter I/II, Certificate Program of Study:

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[FFP 0030C - Firefighter I - PSAV \(\\*\)](#)

### **FFP 0030C - Firefighter I - PSAV (\*)**

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**191 clock hours**

***Prerequisites: Admission to the Firefighter I/II Certificate Program and the successful completion of the Florida SouthWestern State College Physical Ability Test (PAT)***

The Firefighter I/II program is held at the North Naples Fire Training Center. This course is designed to prepare students for the State of Florida Firefighter II Certification Exam. This Firefighter I certification course is mentally, physically, and emotionally challenging and includes both classroom and practical application elements. The 191 clock hour course is 12 weeks in length and is scheduled on weeknights and weekends. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be eligible to continue to the next phase of the program in [FFP 0031C](#) Firefighter II.

(\*) Not for college credit-This course is for PSAV certificate credit only.

[FFP 0031C - Firefighter II - PSAV \(\\*\)](#)

### **FFP 0031C - Firefighter II - PSAV (\*)**

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**301 clock hours**

***Prerequisites: Admission to the Firefighter I/II Certificate Program***

This program is held at the North Naples Fire Training Center. This course is designed to prepare students for the State of Florida Firefighter II certification exam. This Firefighter II certification course is mentally, physically, and emotionally challenging and includes both classroom and practical application elements. The 301 clock hour course is 13 weeks in length and is scheduled on weeknights and weekends. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be eligible to take the State of Florida Firefighter II Certification exam.

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**Total PSAV Program, Firefighter I/II - 492 Clock Hours -PSAV (\*)**

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(\*) Note: All courses in this certificate program are career and technical instruction (PSAV/postsecondary adult vocational) and are awarded Clock Hour Credit on the College transcript. The Clock Hours are not College Credit and do not count towards graduation.

Information is available online at: [www.fsw.edu/academics/](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/) and on the School of Health Professions Home page at: [www.fsw.edu/sohp](http://www.fsw.edu/sohp)

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