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Subject: Memo-Post-Secondary Articulation Definition Update-PSAV to Career Certificate
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Memorandum of Understanding

To: Brenda Knight, Registrar; Jeffery Peterman, Coordinator, Curriculum and Catalog Systems, Dr. Sheila Seelau, Chair, Curriculum Committee, Dr. Kelsea Cid, Vice Chair, Curriculum Committee, Dr. Christy Gilfert, Associate Vice Provost, Enrollment Services; Dr. Michele Yovanovich, Vice Provost

CC: Dr. Thomas Norman, Vice Provost; Dr. Martin McClinton, Vice Provost Dr. Joseph van Gaalen, AVP, Director Joseph Washburn, Coordinator Mike Jimenez

Re: Post-Secondary Articulation Definition Update-PSAV to Career Certificate

The current statewide postsecondary education manual replaces "PSAV" with "Career Certificate." Below are the required edits for the FFP catalog page. Additionally, course descriptions and syllabi for FFP 0030C and FFP 0031C need to have PSAV replaced with "Career Certificate."

By way of this memo, I will ask for the catalog, syllabi and program pages updates to be changed in accordance with the statewide definition updates, and for the changes to be included in the next Curriculum Committee meeting as an information item.

Fire Fighter I/II **Career** Certificate, **PSAV**

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Graduates of the Fire Fighter I/II **Career** 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 **Career Certificate** takes seven (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 **Firefighters** are published by the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics at 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 **Career** Certificate Program has limited enrollment. The Program is physically and mentally challenging and 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 Agility Test (PAT) will ensure that all candidates entering the program have the physical ability to complete the course. Students must pass the Physical Agility Test prior to admission to the program.

Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the **Firefighter** I/II **Career** 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.

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: **Career Certificate** to AS to BAS Degree

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 492 clock hour program in **Firefighter** I/II shall articulate **three (3) college credit hours to the AS degree in Fire Science Technology**. Students must enroll at a Florida College System institution in the AS/AAS program specified herein within three years of completion of the Career Certificate program in order to redeem the college credit.

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, Career Certificate Program of Study:

FFP 0030C - Firefighter I - PSAV (*) 191 Clock Hours

FFP 0031C - Firefighter II - PSAV (*) 301 Clock Hours

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

(*) Note: All courses in this Career 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/ and on the School of Health Professions Home page at: www.fsw.edu/sohp

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