



FIREFIGHTER – MINIMUM STANDARDS COURSE

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be 18 years old or older
- Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED (minimum requirement)
- **Applicant must have Florida or National EMT Basic or Paramedic Certification**
- Applicant must be in good physical condition as determined by physical exam (DFS-K4-1022 state form)
- Applicant must clear a 10 Panel drug and substance screening
- Applicant must be a nonuser of tobacco products for at least one year preceding the application
- Applicant cannot have any significant misdemeanor or any felony convictions
- Applicant cannot have a dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States
- Applicant must have health insurance prior to participating in the Fit-For-Fire test

STEP 1. VALENCIA APPLICATION:

- If you are not an active Valencia student, you must apply for admissions to the college. Your application becomes inactive two years after your last course attempt at Valencia. **The application fee is \$35 (non-refundable).**
- To apply, please visit <http://valenciacollege.edu/> and click **Apply Now**.
- The college admissions application takes approximately 5-7 business days to process.
- Complete your proof of Florida residency for in-state tuition.
- Once officially accepted into the college, set-up your student Atlas account.
- Have your final high school and/or college transcripts sent to Valencia College (if not previously done).

STEP 2. FIRE RESCUE INSTITUTE APPLICATION:

- Must attend mandatory information session at the School of Public Safety before applying to the program
- **With a mobile device, scan the QR code on the bottom right-hand corner to register for an upcoming [Firefighter Minimum Standards Course Information Session](#)**
- Complete the Firefighter Minimum Standards Course online application after the information session, include your medical exam form, notarized tobacco affidavit, unofficial transcripts, and **ALL** required documents
- Complete the Fit-for-Fire assessment: stair climb, hose hoist/advance, forcible entry, dummy drag
- Complete pre-admission application review, screening, and fingerprinting (\$80.00 processing fee)

In-State Tuition Cost: \$3,000.00 (Firefighter I and II)

Materials: \$800.00 – \$1,450.00 (estimate)

Day Academy: approx. 14-15 weeks, estimated to start January & August (Tues–Sat, 9am–5pm)

Night Academy: approx. 24-25 weeks, estimated to start February (M, W, F 6pm–10pm & Sun 9am–5pm)

Contact Person: Coordinator/Advisor, Hernando Otero, hotoero@valenciacollege.edu or (407) 582-8155

***Academy dates and class offerings are subject to change at any time.**



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