

**El Camino College
Industry and Technology Division**

****FIRE ACADEMY INFORMATION****

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. **Fire and Emergency Technology 1 (Introduction to Fire Technology).**
2. **EMT license or National Registry Card.** You will need to submit a photocopy.
3. Submission of official college transcripts (in sealed envelope) showing proof of an **Introduction to Fire Technology** class.
4. Submission of a **signed original statement** from a physician. The medical exam is valid for one year.
5. Completion of a **Biddle or CPAT test**. The physical agility test is valid for one year.
6. Possession of a valid California Driver's License (Class C). A photocopy of the driver's license must be submitted with the application.
7. Completion of the Fire Academy Application form and checklist.
8. The application packet and documents must be received by the deadline date indicated on the calendar.

ALL PREREQUISITES MUST BE COMPLETED WHEN YOU ARE TURNING YOUR APPLICATION IN.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF YOU ARE STILL TAKING FIRE TECHNOLOGY 1 OR AN EMT CLASS. YOU MUST HAVE AN EMT LICENSE OR NATIONAL REGISTRY CARD.

MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FIRE ACADEMY

DOES ALL COLLEGE WORK HAVE TO BE COMPLETED AT EL CAMINO?

No. Work may be completed at any college.

HOW DOES THE LOTTERY DRAW WORK?

The applications that are complete, by having met the prerequisites will be placed into the lottery.

IS THE STUDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE COST OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION?

Yes, the student must pay for this examination.

WHAT IS MEANT BY A “SIGNED STATEMENT FROM A PHYSICIAN”?

Simply, the two pages from the medical packet signed by a physician.

WHAT ITEMS MUST BE PURCHASED BY THE STUDENT FOR THE ACADEMY?

The student will be required to purchase a uniform and other related items. Approximate cost: \$2000.00. Certain pieces of personal protective gear will be provided by the Academy. Information regarding the style of uniform and locations for purchase will be mailed once you have been accepted into the Academy.

CLASS HOURS– UNITS

Students may attend either a Full-time or Part-time Academy:

FULL-TIME	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Monday thru Friday	10 weeks
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Registration will occur at the first class meeting and students should be prepared to pay the registration fee at that time. The textbook information will be mailed to you along with related uniform information once you have been accepted into the Academy. Upon successful completion of the Academy, 12 units of college credit are awarded and graduates are eligible for certification as a Level 1 firefighter by the Office of the California State Fire Marshal, once they have completed 6 months as a full-time firefighter or 12 months as a reserve or volunteer.

WHAT OTHER COLLEGES OFFER FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS?

Rancho Santiago (Santa Ana)
Rio Hondo (Whittier)
Mount San Antonio (Walnut)

Crafton Hills (Yucaipa)
Allen Hancock (Santa Maria)
Miramar College (San Diego)

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?

1. Students will be selected by a lottery draw and put in the full-time academy. **THE APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE ALL REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED WILL BE IN THE LOTTERY.**
2. If a student is not selected for the up-coming academy class, his/her name will remain on the eligibility list, and will be offered an opportunity to participate in the next academy class. If a student declines an invitation to attend an academy when openings occur, his/her name will be placed at the bottom of the current eligibility list. The student need not re-apply. The application packages are valid for only one year. No offer of employment is guaranteed upon completion of the Academy.

If you have any further questions regarding the Academy, you may call one of the numbers listed below.

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