

**El Camino College  
Industry and Technology Division**

**\*\*FIRE ACADEMY INFORMATION\*\***

Thank you for your interest in the El Camino College Fire Academy. Due to the high demand of applicants for the program, it is important to read the requirements and submit a completed application packet.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

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

**ALL PREREQUISITES MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME YOU ARE TURNING YOUR APPLICATION IN.**

## **MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FIRE ACADEMY**

### **1. DOES ALL COLLEGE WORK HAVE TO BE COMPLETED AT EL CAMINO?**

No. Work may be completed at any college; however official transcripts are required that include FTEC 1.

### **2. IS THE STUDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE COST OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION?**

Yes, the student must pay for this examination.

### **3. WHAT IS MEANT BY A “SIGNED STATEMENT FROM A PHYSICIAN”?**

Physical Examination form must be completed and signed by a physician.

### **4. 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: \$3000.00. 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.

### **5. CLASS HOURS – UNITS**

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

<b>FULL-TIME</b>	<b>8:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Monday thru Friday</b>	<b>10 weeks</b>
<b>* PART-TIME</b>	<b>5:30 pm – 9:40 pm</b>	<b>Tues., Wed., Thurs.</b>	<b>16 weeks</b>
	<b>8:00 am – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturdays and every Other Sunday</b>	

**\*NOTE: Due to Training necessities, students enrolled in the PT Academy may be required to attend the academy during the daytime hours on selected days.**

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.

## **6. 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)

## **7. WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCEDURE?**

Applications will be accepted during a specified submission period each semester in the order they are submitted until the class capacity is reached. Additional applications will be placed on a waitlist in the order they are submitted.

\*Submitted applications that are found to be incomplete will be cause for the application to be rejected.

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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