

**El Camino College
Industry and Technology Division**

****FIRE ACADEMY INFORMATION****

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Submission of official college transcripts (in sealed envelope) showing proof of an **Introduction to Fire Technology** class.
 2. Possession of a current **EMT** card or **National Registry Card**. You will need to provide a photocopy.
 3. Submission of a signed original statement from a physician along with a copy of a resting EKG. 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 sheet enclosed with the packet.
- * **Once in the Academy, you will take the El Camino College Physical Ability Exam. By Mid-Term, you must pass the El Camino College Physical Ability Exam to continue. Recruits will train on the physical ability exam during the first half of the semester.**

IN ORDER FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FIRE ACADEMY

Do all College classes have to be completed at El Camino College?

No. Classes 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: \$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.

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)

CLASS HOURS – REGISTRATION FEES – UNITS

Students may attend a Full-Time Academy.

FULL-TIME	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Monday thru Friday	10 weeks
PART-TIME	5:30 pm – 9:40 pm	Tues., Wed., Thursday	16 weeks
	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Saturdays and every other Sunday	

The textbook information will be mailed to you along with related uniform information once you have been accepted into the Academy. All textbooks may be purchased in the College bookstore. 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. Registration will occur at the first class meeting and students should be prepared to pay the registration fee at that time.

What is the Selection Procedure?

1. Complete an application form.
2. Submit official transcripts and other supporting documents.
3. Students will be selected by lottery draw and will be put in the full-time academy.

ONLY THE APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS MET WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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.

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

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