

# FIRE ACADEMY APPENDIX

## FIREFIGHTER I CERTIFICATE

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### ADMISSION PROCESS

#### I. Admission Criteria

Students meeting the criteria below, are eligible to apply:

- Be a high school graduate or have completed the GED.
- Be 18 years of age or older, in good health, and be able to lift a minimum of 65 lbs. and drag a minimum of 140 lbs.
- Ability to pass the Basic Fire Academy Entrance Exam.
- Ability to pass required Physical Agility Test.

#### II. Application process

- Complete the Application and Questionnaire. The application, questionnaire, checklist and fire academy flyer can be downloaded from the following link: <https://www.imperial.edu/public-safety-department/fire-academy-program-firefighter-1>
- Follow the checklist and attach the required documentation.
- Submit application. Turn in the completed application packet to Building 3200 during the periods of January 1 to March 31. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications are reviewed by program coordinator and at least one fire instructor. Applicants will be notified of results via email.

#### III. Additional Information (for selected applicants)

- **Background Check & Drug Screen:** Students must complete a background check and drug screen. Criminal, misdemeanor, or driving offenses may impact acceptance.
- **Physical Exam:** Students must get a physical and TB skin test. This may be done on campus at the Student Health Center or by private physician.
- **Orientation:** There will be an orientation day to discuss the requirements and expectations of the program. Required uniforms, accessories, background clearances, drug screening, etc. will be included in the information provided.
- **Costs:** Costs run approximately \$1,700 for the program and include tuition, parking, student fees, textbooks, required uniforms, accessories, background check/drug screening and materials fee.
- **Conduct:** This program is a paramilitary type program with a high level of professionalism. More details and expectations in this area will be discussed during orientation.
- **Advisement:** Students are advised to meet with a counselor to make sure of program and college requirements and additional resources.

#### IV. Required Program Courses

FIRE 140 Fire-First Responders	9.5 units
FIRE 142 Firefighter Academy 1	10.0 units
FIRE 144 Firefighter Academy 2	3.0 units
<b>Total certificate units:</b>	<b>22.5 units</b>

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### Learning Outcome(s):

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of fire equipment for a given firefighting scenario.
2. Students will demonstrate appropriate selection and implementation of firefighting methods and application of the Incident Command and Emergency Management Systems.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the Unified Command system and use of its branches and divisions.

### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The Certificate of Achievement program is designed for students with personal or occupational goals who wish early employment. To qualify for the Certificate, a student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) complete all courses listed for a particular certificate.; (2) achieve a "C" average (2.0 GPA) for all courses used to complete the certificate; and, (3) file a Certificate Application form with Admissions and Records by the appropriate deadline(s) identified on the application.

### FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: [www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships](http://www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships)

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- City and County Fire Department Personnel
- Forestry Fire Control

### FIREFIGHTER I Certificate

**Twenty-two and one-half (22.5) units required for the certificate**

ALL COURSES FOR THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

#### I. Required courses for the certificate

Units: 22.5

Successful completion of this certificate will meet the educational requirements for a California State Fire Marshall Firefighter I Certificate. Upon completion of the certificate program the candidate is required to be affiliated with a fire agency for one year of parttime/volunteer or 6 months of full-time work experience as a firefighter to meet the requirement of work experience. The candidate's work experience must be verified by the agency's Fire Chief with a written letter to the California State Fire Marshall.

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