



# Pathway to a Fire Service Career



**10 Must-do things to increase your odds of getting hired:**

- Be an EMT
- Volunteer your time
- Take Fire Tech Classes (Certificate, Degree and specialize)
- Maintain a clean background and lifestyle
- Understand all phases of the hiring process
- Start taking tests
- Stop by Fire Stations
- Get some life experience
- Prepare for the background investigation
- Learn as much as possible about the fire service and get some hands-on experience

**Oral Interviews Make or Break YOU!**

Take an Oral Interview Seminar & PRACTICE

**Road to being a Firefighter:**

- EMT Certification
- Complete an Accredited Fire Academy Certificate, Degree in Fire Technology
- Get Experience (ROP, Intern, Volunteer, Apprentice, Seasonal)
- Firefighter-1 Certification
- Firefighter II Certification
- Specialized Training Community Service
- Paramedic Certification
- \*\*Have a GREAT Resume!**

**High School**

- Sports, ROP, Math, Science, English, Shop
- Graduate
- Stay out of trouble
- Get or Be Physically Fit

**Attend Chabot College**  
Complete Fire Academy Prerequisites in conjunction with working toward a Certificate and Degree in Fire Technology

- Meet with a College Counselor
- Develop an Educational PLAN
- Complete Fire Academy Prerequisites (Fire Technology and EMT)

**Attend Chabot College Accredited Fire Academy**

→ A Career & Technical Education Program

- Intern, Apply for Jobs, Continue Formal Education
- Take the CPAT or Biddle Physical Ability Test

**Formal Education**  
Certificate  
A.A. Degree  
A.S. Degree

→ 30 Units Core/Electives  
+  
→ 30 Units General Education  
→ 60 Total Units

**Fire Station Visit Rules**

1. Make an Appointment
2. Be on Time
3. Always bring something
4. Dress Appropriately
5. Be humble
6. Be prepared
7. Introduce yourself
8. Don't play the comedic card
9. Don't wear out your welcome
10. Don't name drop
11. Remember names
12. Don't make yourself at home or get to comfortable
13. Be positive and enthusiastic
14. Don't wait until the last minute
15. Walk away informed
16. Say Please and Thank you!

**Specialize**

- Paramedic
- Driver/Operator
- Fire Inspector
- Haz Mat
- Company Officer
- Fire Investigator
- Fire Instructor
- Trench Rescue
- Swift/Open Water Rescue
- High/Low Angle Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication

**Continue Education**  
B.A. or B.S. Degree  
Master's Degree

**Goal**  
Firefighter

For more information, go to [www.chabotfire.com](http://www.chabotfire.com) or email Bob Buell, Fire Technology Program Coordinator at [cc-fireacademy@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:cc-fireacademy@chabotcollege.edu)

**Fire Academy (2 Semesters)**

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
EMS 1 (Emergency Medical Responder) *	2.5	Fire 88B (Fire Fitness - Intermediate) **	1.0
Fire 1 (Principles of Emergency Services) *	3.0	Fire 11 (Fire Fighter I Academy) ***	17.0
Fire 2 (Principles of Fire & Emergency Services Safety & Survival)	3.0		
Fire 7 (Health & Nutrition for Firefighters)	3.0		
Fire 88A (Introduction to Fire Fitness Training) *	1.0		
Fire 10 (Introduction to Fire Fighter I Academy) *	1.0		
<b>Total Semester Units:</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Total Semester Units:</b>	<b>18.0</b>

\* = Prerequisite for Fire Academy // \*\* = Recommended // \*\*\* = Fire Academy

**Certificate of Achievement (3 Semesters-Fire Technology/4 Semesters-Fire Prevention Inspector)**

Year 1			
Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>Major Requirements</b>	
EMS 1 (Emergency Medical Responder) *	2.5	EMS 2 (Emergency Medical Technician) ****	6.5
Fire 1 (Principles of Emergency Services) *	3.0	EMS 2W (EMT Pt. Stabilization & Triage) ****	0.5
Fire 2 (Principles of Fire & Emergency Services Safety & Survival)	3.0	Fire 5 (Fire Protection Systems)	3.0
Fire 3 (Fire Behavior and Combustion)	3.0	Fire 6 (Building Construction for Fire Protection)	3.0
Fire 4 (Fire Prevention)	3.0	Fire 88B (Fire Fitness - Intermediate) **	1.0
Fire 7 (Health & Nutrition for Firefighters)	3.0	Fire 10 (Introduction to Fire Fighter I Academy) *	1.0
Fire 88A (Introduction to Fire Fitness Training) *	1.0		
Total Semester Units:	16.5	Total Semester Units:	15.0
Year 2			
Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Fire 88C (Advanced Fire Fitness Training) **	1.0	Business 14 (Business Communications)	3.0
Fire 11 (Fire Fighter I Academy) ***	17.0	Business 22 (Intro. to Management)	3.0
		Fire 95+96 (Work Experience & Seminar) **	2.0
		Industrial Tech 74 (Measurements / Calculations)	3.0
Total Semester Units:	18.0	Total Semester Units:	11.0

**AS Degree Fire Technology (4 Semesters)**

Year 1			
Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>Major Requirements</b>	
EMS 1 (Emergency Medical Responder) *	2.5	EMS 2 (Emergency Medical Technician) ****	6.5
English 1A	3.0	EMS 2W (EMT Pt. Stabilization & Triage) ****	0.5
Fire 1 (Principles of Emergency Services) *	3.0	Fire 5 (Fire Protection Systems)	3.0
Fire 2 (Principles of Fire & Emergency Services Safety & Survival)	3.0	Fire 6 (Building Construction for Fire Protection)	3.0
Fire 3 (Fire Behavior and Combustion)	3.0	Fire 88B (Fire Fitness - Intermediate) **	1.0
Fire 4 (Fire Prevention)	3.0	Fire 10 (Introduction to Fire Fighter I Academy) *	1.0
Fire 7 (Health & Nutrition for Firefighters)	3.0	Geog 1 (Introduction to Physical Geography) NATURAL SCIENCE Req't	3.0
Fire 88A (Introduction to Fire Fitness Training) *	1.0	MATH Req't (varies based on math assessment)	
Total Semester Units:	21.5	Total Semester Units:	18.0+
Year 2			
Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Fire 88C (Advanced Fire Fitness Training) **	1.0	Business 14 (Business Communications) <i>Fire Inspector Degree only</i>	3.0
Fire 11 (Fire Fighter I Academy) ***	17.0	Business 22 (Intro. to Management) <i>Fire Inspector Degree only</i>	3.0
		Fire 95+96 (Work Experience & Seminar) **	2.0
		Industrial Tech 74 (Measurements / Calculations)	3.0
		HUMANITIES Req't	3.0
		SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE Req't	3.0
		AMERICAN CULTURES Req't	3.0
Total Semester Units:	18.0	Total Semester Units:	20.0

These Academic Plans are just an example and are not all inclusive. Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to address specific needs and/or requests.