



FIREFIGHTER 1 ACADEMY

Imperial Valley College offers a 334.8-hour Fire Academy in line with the California State Fire Marshal. Located in Imperial, California, the College has trained Firefighter-1 classes since 2004. There is one academy a year.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Auto Extrication
- Breathing Apparatus
- Building Construction
- Communications
- Fire Behavior
- Fire Investigation
- Fire Protection Systems
- Forcible Entry
- Hazardous Materials
- High Rise Firefighting
- Engine Company Operations
- Incident Command System
- Ladders
- Oil/LPG Firefighting
- Oral Interview Skills
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Protective Equipment
- Rescue Operations
- Ropes, Knots, Hitches
- Salvage and Overhaul
- Ventilation
- Wildland Firefighting

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The academy requires regular college registration fees as well as uniform and materials fees. The total overall cost of the academy is approximately \$1,000.

IS THE ACADEMY DIFFICULT?

Firefighting is a very strenuous and physically demanding job. The course involves a great deal of manipulative training. The Fire Service requires knowledge of academic subjects from English and Math to Chemistry. The classroom training is intensive and requires dedicated effort on the part of each student.

HOW CAN I BE A FIREFIGHTER-1?

The California State Fire Marshal has established the requirements for State certification. The academy satisfies the training requirements. The second part of the certification involves additional experience and medical training.

ARE THERE PREREQUISITES?

Effective F2012, completion of EMT I (FIRE105 course) will be required before admission. Current requirements include completion of IVC's Online Orientation <http://orientation.imperial.edu/> or www.imperial.edu, completion of the Reading Accuplacer Placement Test and meeting with an IVC counselor. Students must be:

- o 18 years of age or older
- o High School graduate (or completion of GED)

HOW DO I GET IN?

Acceptance into the Fire Academy is by an application process. College and fire experience is reviewed. Those ranking in the top are offered enrollment in the class.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are found on the website www.imperial.edu/nursing or <http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?pid=5487> or can be picked up from Office 2155 on campus. Applications are

accepted after January 1st. About 20-25 slots are available each year.

WHAT ARE THE COURSES?

FIRE 105 (EMTI), FIRE 130 (Acad I), FIRE 131 (Acad II), FIRE 109 (Hazard Mat 1st Resp), FIRE 117 (Auto Extricat), FIRE 121 (ICS 100/200), FIRE 122 (Conf Sp Awaren), PE 100 (Exer Sci), and PE 104 (Weight Trng)

All of the above must be completed to obtain the Firefighter I certificate of completion at IVC.

ARE THERE LIMITATIONS?

Must be in good health for training. A physical exam will be required upon admission. Criminal, misdemeanor, or driving offenses may impact acceptance.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Interested students may contact the EMS/FIRE Office at 760-355-6483, by email sara.wheat@imperial.edu or in the 2100 Health Sciences Building, Office 2155.

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