

# Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training



CREDENTIAL Ontario College Certificate PROGRAM CODE Fall: 0112 AREA OF INTEREST Protective Services LOCATION Thunder Bay

DURATION 1-year (extended)

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## Overview

Ever wonder what it's like to drench down a blazing inferno? Of course you have – every kid dreams of becoming a firefighter when they grow up. But for some, the feeling never goes away...

If that's you, Confederation College's IFSAC and PRO BOARD Accredited Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training program will give you the knowledge and skills you need to pursue this demanding and rewarding career. The program provides well-rounded training for aspiring firefighters. You'll learn basic fire science, fire suppression principles and practices, emergency patient care, fire prevention/public education and specialty modules such as low rope rescue and environmental hazards. Your in-class learning will be reinforced with field placements to give you hands-on experience – invaluable as you compete for positions after graduation.

## **Top Highlights**

- Program developed and endorsed by the office of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), and the Office of Ontario Fire Marshall (OFM) in cooperation with the Thunder Bay Fire & Rescue Services (THFRS)
- Successful students may challenge the OFMEM NFPA 1001 FF I & II, NFPA 472 Awareness and OPS Level written and practical exams which include IFSCA and PRO BOARD Certifications
- Includes testing in simulated and controlled live fire training scenarios



**Experiential Learning** 

Labs, Field Work



## **Employment Opportunities**

Graduates of this program go on to careers in professional firefighting, fire prevention and public education, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, private fire service and fire inspection. It is also good training for those considering a position as a volunteer firefighter.

Please note that each hiring municipality or fire department has its own rigorous entrance standards including physical and other tests. It is highly recommended that you are familiar with the specific hiring and application requirements of the particular agency.



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#### **Admission Requirements**

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) with courses from the College (C), University (U), University/College (U/C), or Open (O) preparation levels with Grade 12 English (C/U) Level.
- or successful completion of the Mature Student Assessment.
- or successful completion of the General Education Development Test (GED).
- or appropriate credits from the Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE).

#### **Alternative Pathways**

If you do not meet these admission requirements, we encourage you to consider the College Access or General Arts and Science Certificate or General Arts and Science Diploma programs, or Academic and Career Entrance program (ACE); if you successfully complete one of these programs, you will be eligible to apply to programs in the Community Services and Protective Services areas.

#### **First Semester**

- FI 108 Introduction to Fire Service
- FI 109 Incident Management System
- GE General Elective
- CS 007 Persuasive Writing
- FI 110 Intro to Firefighting & Apparatus
- FI 113 Fire Ground Operations
- FI 208 Physical Fitness & Health
- FI 114 Red Cross EMR

### Second Semester

- GE General Elective
- FI 111 Salvage and Scene Assessment
- FI 112 Fire Suppression
- Fl 210 Vehicle Extrication & Electrical Hazards
- FI 211 Environmental Protection & Rescue Operations
- FI 212 Rescue Operations
- FI 213 Community and Fire Prevention



FI 300	Pre-Graduate Experience I
FI 301	Pre-Graduate Experience II

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