

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in the Rural HS Concurrent Firefighter Academy.

The firefighter program is a two-semester program with the first semester consisting of Firefighter 1 1725 with the following fall semester consisting of Firefighter II and Hazardous Materials 1733 and Physical Fitness Firefighter 1712.

Each semester is a hybrid course offered over 16 weeks. The academic portion of the course is offered through the Canvas LMS with the students being required to attend four weekend skills training events during the 16-week semester to cover the physical training requirements of the course. These weekend training events are typically held at a local county fire department, Career Tech or any other supporting location in the county the course is being offered in.

Each student is required to be sponsored by a local career or volunteer fire department before they can begin coursework. Once a student is sponsored, they would be added to that fire departments roster as a junior firefighter and can participate in any firefighter tasks authorized by their sponsor. In return the fire department agrees to provide the structural firefighter PPE the student will need to participate in the course.

If the student needs assistance in locating a fire department in their area they can contact the fire program director at [joebe@okstate.edu](mailto:joebe@okstate.edu) and he will assist in providing local contacts. However, the student will need to approach the fire departments to request sponsorship.

Concurrent students are granted tuition waiver but are responsible for all fees associated with a class.

Once the student completes both semesters, they receive an OSU-OKC firefighter certificate and are eligible to sit for their IFSAC National Firefighter exam. Once the course is complete and the student passes the national certification exam, they have all the required fire certifications to be hired by a fire department in addition to 10 credit hours towards an associate's degree.

OSU-OKC does not offer a concurrent enrollment EMT course outside of the Oklahoma City Metropolitan area. After completing the fire portion, we encourage the students to enroll in their nearest and most convenient EMT course to acquire the last certification they need to be employed as firefighters. Once the student completes the EMT course, they can bring their EMT license back to OSU-OKC, and can be awarded eight additional credits towards an associate's degree.

Thank you,

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