

NIGHT ACADEMY APPLICATION

**BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
(MINIMUM STANDARDS) APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: November 15, 2019

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**PALM BEACH STATE
COLLEGE**

Submit completed Limited Access application to any Palm Beach State College Campus Admissions Office prior to the close of the business day of the application deadline. For locations and hours, please click:

www.palmbeachstate.edu/StudentServices

Fire Academy Office (561) 868-3900

Limited Access Program Office (561) 868-3045

Program Information

NIGHT PROGRAM BEGINS: January 6, 2020

COURSE NUMBER:	Firefighter I: FFP 0010	Capstone: FFO0151
	Firefighter II: FFP 0020	Capstone: FFO0152

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Basic Firefighter Program prepares students for the safe, dependable and prompt performance of duties in the fire station as well as in the community. It includes orientation to the fire service, instruction in fire alarms, vehicles, and apparatus and equipment. Those students who successfully complete the course may participate in the State of Florida certification examination. Certification is required in the State of Florida for employment as a Firefighter.

Special admission requirements are associated with this program.

PROGRAM LENGTH:

Night Academy: 12 weeks Firefighter I, 12 weeks Firefighter II. Total weeks = 24

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Night Academy: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Monday-Wednesday, and 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM every Saturday. The schedule will be explained at the Orientation session.

PROGRAM LOCATION:

Palm Beach State College Fire Academy
Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus
East side of the campus in room: PSC 114

PROGRAM COSTS:

Tuition and Fees* (FL resident):

Firefighter I \$750.18 and Minimum Standards FF1 Capstone \$136.00. Total FF1: \$886.18

Firefighter II \$769.76 and Minimum Standards FF2 Capstone \$166.00. Total FF2: \$935.76

Total tuition and fees for both programs: \$1,821.94

*Fees include Medical Accident Insurance and Liability Insurance assessed, web component fees and special fees. They do not include textbooks, uniforms, turnout gear, and pre-screening costs (fingerprints, written and physical ability exams, and medical exam). Information on the fees and costs will be explained at orientation.

Requirements for Selection Consideration

PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE FILED AT ANY PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE

DATE. For locations and hours, please click: www.palmbeachstate.edu/StudentServices

The following criteria determine eligibility for placement in the selection pool. Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Basic Firefighter Training Program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. If a student is selected and does not enter the program or is not selected, then he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process. **Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/pantherweb under Limited Access Application Status and all communication will be sent to your my.palmbeachstate.edu e-mail account including all acceptance documentation. These criteria supersede any other information.**

I. APPLICATION

First-time Palm Beach State College Students: Submit a completed Palm Beach State College general credit application at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/admissions-applications.aspx and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is \$40 for U.S. citizens, \$75 (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested; be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted, a confirmation e-mail with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. Applicants must also submit the Limited Access program application contained in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

Returning Palm Beach State College Students: Must complete the Limited Access program application in this packet and submit to the Admissions office. Those students who wish to declare Florida residency, must do by attaching the Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes form, found at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions.

II. PROOF OF AGE

All students must be at **least 18 years of age on or before** the start of the program.

III. ACADEMIC RECORDS

HIGH SCHOOL

Transcripts must be official transcripts sent (transcripts are considered official if sent directly by mail or hand delivered in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing institution) to the **Palm Beach State College Admissions Office** showing proof of a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent. All applicants – new, current, and college transfer students – must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at Palm Beach State College by the Limited Access deadline date. You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores by clicking www.ged.com.

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Official college transcripts (transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State College from previous institution or hand delivered in a sealed envelope that is sealed by the issuing institution) from **ALL** post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted by the Limited Access deadline. You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. All post-secondary records from out of country must be submitted with a foreign credentials course by course evaluation. Go to the following webpage to see a list of accepted foreign credentials evaluators: <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx>. If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent.

However, the high school or GED transcript may be waived for admissions purposes if a student has earned an Associate, Bachelor, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. Transcripts must be on file at the College Admissions Office in Lake Worth on or prior to the deadline date.

IV. NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SELECTION INVENTORY - TEST

ALL applicants must take the **I/O Solutions NFSI Test** (National Firefighter Selection Inventory –Form 3 Test) within the past two years of application deadline date and score at least a 75% in all subject areas (Reading, Language and Math) in order to be eligible for consideration for selection. In the case that two or more applicants are tied on the point scale the NFSI test will also be used as a tiebreaker. Additional information about this test and study guides can be found at www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com. The Palm Beach State College Lake Worth book store will have a study guide in stock. The Student Learning Center (SLC) at the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth location provides Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) for students who need additional skills to pass the NFSI test. For more information, please call 561/868-3795. Check with the Testing Center on a campus nearest to you for availability of the NFSI test, not all testing centers offer the NFSI test. Testing Center numbers are listed below. There is a **\$45.00** fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam.

Testing Centers

Belle Glade - (561) 993-1125

Boca Raton - (561) 862-4324

Lake Worth - (561) 868-3012

Palm Beach Gardens - (561) 207-5359

Applicant Point System for Selection

V. CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT)

Applicants must register for the CPAT on line or at any Palm Beach State College location and successfully complete it prior to consideration for placement into the selection pool. CPAT scores are valid for one year prior to the application deadline. CPAT information can be found at www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Fire/CPAT.aspx. A valid CPAT Certificate from other providers is acceptable. Any CPAT, whether from Palm Beach State College or another provider, must be submitted with the application prior to program deadline.

VI. T.A.B.E. (TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION) *

Applicants are required to take the TABE Full Battery Level (A) test PRIOR to graduation. To determine if you are exempt from taking the TABE, click on page 24 of the College Catalog: <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/catalog/current/index.pdf>. Once enrolled and accepted, student will need to pass with a score of 10th grade level or higher in reading, language and math to be eligible to graduate. There is a \$25 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam. If you are a first-time applicant, the application fee covers the price of the first test.

VII. PREREQUISITES

Must be certified as a "First Responder," "EMT," or "Paramedic." Student MUST provide by the deadline date one of the following acceptable documentation for this program:

- First Responder Certificate
- Florida state EMT License or Florida State Paramedic License
- Proof of graduation from an EMT or Paramedic program

VIII. PROGRAM MANDATORY ORIENTATION

ALL ACCEPTED STUDENTS are **REQUIRED** to attend orientation on the following day and time:

Mandatory Orientation
December 17, 2019
PSD 108 9am – 12pm

ACCEPTED STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE MEDICAL EXAM, COMPLETED AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, PRIOR TO STARTING THE FIRE PROGRAM.

AFFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED TO THE ACCEPTED STUDENTS ASSIGNED COLLEGE EMAIL ADDRESS AND WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN THE ACCEPTED STUDENT ATTENDS THE MANDATORY ORIENTATION LISTED ABOVE.

The point system is designed to help Palm Beach State determine which applicants will be admitted into the Fire Standards (Limited Access) Program. In the event that there is a tie between applicants after the deadline for document submission, the NFSI test will be used to fill the remaining spots and alternate assignment positions. The NFSI test results do not override the point system and will only be used to fill the remaining spots in the event that applicants are tied in points. A second tier tie-breaker mechanism will consist of including concurrent applications from students who were not chosen for the previous program and have waited for a spot in the next course offering, in case two eligible students tie in both points AND NFSI scores. This second tier does not override the point system nor the NFSI tie-breaker and will only be used in the event that eligible applicants are tied in both points and NFSI points.

I. Program-Related Points (Maximum points 8)

- a) Graduate from Palm Beach State EMT Program
(your PBSC transcript must reflect posted diploma with graduation date)..... 2
- b) Graduate from Palm Beach State College Paramedic Program
(your PBSC transcript must reflect posted diploma with graduation date)..... 2
- c) State of Florida Certified EMT (Must attach State of Florida EMT License)..... 1
- d) State Certification (Must attach State of Florida Paramedic License)1
- e) Currently enrolled (meaning, student has not yet graduated and courses are in progress – cannot award this point if student already graduated from this program) in Palm Beach State College EMT or Paramedic Program in academic good standing..... 1
- f) Completion of Wellington High School Fire Academy FF3 program
(must attach documentation)..... 1
- g) Member in Good Standing of a Fire Cadet or Fire Explorer Program
(must attach documentation)..... 1

II. Veteran of the United States Military with honorable discharge
(must attach DD214 Form) 2

III. College Education

Credits earned from regionally accredited institution at college level (one area only – Maximum of 3 points)
Up to 29 college credits..... 1

Enrollment in Palm Beach State College's Fire Science Technology A.S. Degree and completion of a minimum of 9 credits in the following core courses: 2

- **FFP1505 Fire Prevention**
- **FFP1540 Private Fire Protection Systems**
- **FFP2120 Building Construction Fire Protection**
- **FFP2612 Fire Behavior and Combustion**
- **FFP2206 Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival**
- **FFP1000 Introduction to Fire Science**
- **FFP1301 Fire Hydraulics**

30 or more college credits or AS or AA or higher degree from a College other than PBSC..... 2
Program Completion from Palm Beach State College (AA/AS/BA/BS/PSAV/CCC/ATD)..... 3

IV. NEED TO MEET REQUIREMENT OF FLORIDA STATUTE #633.35 Automatic Entry

Any individual who is employed by a private or public agency as a Firefighter II must obtain a certificate of compliance as a Firefighter II within one year of initial employment.

All applicants must meet the “Requirements for consideration for Selection” on page 2.

Maximum Points Possible13

ACCEPTANCE: Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately 10 business days after the application deadline date. After the acceptance notice, the Fire Academy will follow up with another email which will include registration information. If a student is selected and does not enter the program or is not

selected, then he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

FINANCIAL AID:

At this point the program is *not* eligible for federal aid programs; however, there are scholarships available through the Palm Beach State College Foundation. Currently, all Foundation Scholarships for firefighters require a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which may be filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. PBSC's institution code is 001512. Toll-free "help line" 8:00-midnight 1-800-433-3243. To apply for a Palm Beach State College Foundation scholarship go online to: www.palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarships.aspx. If you have any scholarship questions, then please call 561-868-3573.

Firefighter I Curriculum Outline

ITEM	SUBJECT	LECTURE HOURS	SKILL HOURS	CAPSTONE HOURS
0	Orientation (Pre-class)	3		
1	Introduction + History	8		
2	Scene Lighting	2		
3	Firefighter Safety	4	5	
4	Fire Behavior	4.5		
5	Building Construction	4		
6	Personal Protective Gear	8	8	2
7	Portable Extinguishers	4	4	
8	Ropes and Knots	3.5	8	3
9	Building Search and Victim Removal	4	10	
10	Forcible Entry	6		4
11	Ladders	4	9	4
12	Ventilation	4		4
13	Water Supply	4	3	1
14	Hose	4	14	6
15	Water Fire Streams	4	3	
16	Fire Control/Controlled Burning	4	20	2
17	Loss Control	4		
18	Cause + Origin	2		
19	Fire Department Communications	4		
20	EMS for FF's	4		
21	Fire and Life Safety Initiatives	2	2	
	Fire in the Field Online Training	web		
22	Awareness Level Hazmat	8		
23	Operations Level Hazmat	15	1	
24	Engine Company Operations	2	6	
	Hours in FFI	113	93	26

Firefighter I Hours: 206
Capstone Hours: 26
Total Hours: 232

Firefighter II Curriculum Outline

ITEM	SUBJECT	LECTURE HOURS	SKILL HOURS	CAPSTONE HOURS
3	Firefighter Safety	4	4	6
5	Building Construction	3		
6	Personal Protective Gear		4	
8	Ropes and Knots		2	6
9	Building Search and Victim Removal		6	
10	Forcible Entry		6	
11	Ladders		2	6
12	Ventilation		2	
13	Water Supply	2	4	
14	Hose	2	5	6
16	Fire Control/Controlled Burning	8	30	
	Fire Protection Systems	3		
17	Loss Control		6	
18	Cause + Origin	2		
19	Fire Department Communications	3	3	
20	Extrication + Technical Rescue	8	8	
24	Fire Streams – Foam	4	4	
21	Fire and Life Safety Initiatives	3		
	Wildland Fire Training		5	
	Air Monitoring	2	2	
	Thermal Imaging	1	4	
	Flammable Gas Control		4	
	Positive Pressure Ventilation	1	2	
	Ladder Company Operations	2	6	
	Company Evolutions – Combines Ops		8	
	Firefighter Safety and Survival	3	8	
	State Test Prep + Test		16	
	Hours in FF2	51	141	24

Firefighter II Hours: **192**
Capstone Hours: **24**
Total Hours: **216**

Total Program Hours: **398**
Total Capstone Hours: **50**

Basic Firefighter Training Checklist To Complete Eligibility for Placement in The Selection Pool

Please remember that everything **MUST** be complete and submitted to the Palm Beach State College Admissions office by the deadline date.

	FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAM
	FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION SUBMITTED
	AGE REQUIREMENT MET (At least 18 years of age)
	OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED SENT TO Palm Beach State College. Official transcripts are to be mailed from your High School or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the Palm Beach State College Admissions Office
	OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS Official transcripts are to be mailed or hand delivered in an unopened envelope from ALL prior colleges
	TAKE THE NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SELECTION INVENTORY – TEST (Not older than 2 years)
	CPAT COMPLETED (Not older than 1 year)
	FIRST RESPONDER, EMT, or PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED (appropriate documentation must be provided on or before the deadline)

Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately one week before the orientation by email to their ...@my.palmbeachstate.edu account.

DEADLINE: November 15, 2019

BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION - NIGHT

Please Type or Print Clearly

PROGRAM CODE 5043

1. **PALM BEACH STATE STUDENT ID** _____

2. **NAME** _____
Last First Middle Suffix

Please list all previous names under which documents may be sent _____

3. **LOCAL ADDRESS** _____
NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS CITY

COUNTY (or PROVINCE) STATE ZIP CODE

4. **HOME TELEPHONE** () _____ 5. **WORK TELEPHONE** () _____
CELL TELEPHONE () _____

6. **DATE OF BIRTH** ____/____/____ Month Day Year

7. **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____@my.palmbeachstate.edu

TRANSCRIPTS—Official transcripts must be sent directly to Palm Beach State College from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to Palm Beach State College. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled.

9. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WITH A STANDARD DIPLOMA?** Yes No **OR** **GED?** Yes No

10. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

List all postsecondary colleges or universities you have enrolled. Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	CITY/STATE	DATES	DEGREE	CREDIT

To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.

- 11. **Are you currently certified as a Florida EMT? (Must attach State of Florida EMT License)** Yes No
- 12. **Are you currently certified as a Florida Paramedic? (Must attach State of Florida Paramedic License)** Yes No
- 13. **If you are not a licensed Florida EMT or FL Paramedic: did you attach a First Responder Certificate? (Must attach document)** Yes No
- 14. **Have you taken the National Firefighter Selection Inventory Test? With a score of 75% or higher** (scores must posted on your PBSC record or attached) Yes No
- 15. **Are you currently enrolled in a Palm Beach State College EMT or Paramedic program and are in good standing?** Yes No
- 16. **Have you completed and passed the Candidate Physical Ability Test within the past year?** Yes No
If yes, you will have to provide documentation of successful completion.
- 17. **Have you graduated from the PALM BEACH STATE EMT Program? PBSC transcript must reflect the diploma and graduation date.**
 Yes No
- 18. **Have you graduated from the PALM BEACH STATE Paramedic Program? PBSC transcript must reflect the diploma and graduation date.**
 Yes No
- 19. **Please select if you have completed either of the following (must attach documentation):** Completion of Wellington High School Fire Academy FF3
 Member in Good Standing of a Fire Cadet or Fire Explorer Program
- 20. **Have you ever served as a member of the U.S. Military and received Veteran Status?** Yes No
If yes, you must attach a copy of your DD214 honorable discharge form and include with your application in order to receive points.

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Florida Statute 633

As an applicant to the Fire Academy at Palm Beach State College I hereby state that I have not been convicted of a misdemeanor relating to the certification or to perjury or false statements, or a felony or a crime punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more under the law of the United States or of any state thereof or under the law of any other country, or dishonorably discharged from any of the armed Forces of the United States. **“Convicted” means a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in any federal or state court or a court in any other country, without regard to whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the court having jurisdiction of the case.**

Your signature below certifies that you have read and understand the above statement of Florida Statute 633.

Applicant Signature

Date

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED:

State of Florida
County of Palm Beach

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____ by _____.

Signature of Notary Public – State of Florida
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally known _____ OR
Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification produced _____