



# Fire Suppression Program Information Packet



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# FIRE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Fire Suppression Program is located at Chemeketa Community College, Brooks Center which offers one of the most modern training facilities on the west coast. The eight-term Fire Suppression degree program offers a combination of classroom, lab and hands-on training. During the program students will learn to exhibit safety practices as a response team member when engaged in training or emergency response activities. Demonstrate effective verbal and written communications skills in both emergency and non-emergency situations. Explain effective risk reduction activities through accurate hazard identification and public education activities. Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with a diversity of colleagues to accomplish the goals of the organization and successfully participate in the daily operations of a fire station.

Students get on-the-job training from being on duty as a Chemeketa student firefighter for a 24-hour period every sixth day during Fall, Winter and Spring terms. While academic classes are in session student shifts will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, responding to emergencies with partnering fire agencies in Marion County, Polk County and Yamhill County. Summer terms students will be assigned to shifts for five weeks for Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) with partnering fire agencies.

Upon successful completion of the program students will be awarded an Associates of Applied Science in Fire Suppression. In addition to the degree students will be licensed as an EMT Basic and receive DPSST Certification in NFPA HazMat Awareness and Operations, NFPA Fire Fighter I and II, NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, NFPA Apparatus Equipped w/Fire Pump and entry level Wildland Fire Operations.

## FIRE SUPPRESSION SELECTION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Fire Suppression is a limited enrollment program with a total of fifty-four positions available. Incoming position availability is based on total program positions less the number of continuing program students. For program eligibility see the “Who May Apply” section on the next page. Program Students will be selected upon completion of the XFRP5001A – Fire Suppression Selection Process course held each Summer Term. Selections are based on the FireTEAM written examination, oral board interview and CPAT testing which is pass or fail. Selected program students would begin Fire Program classes fall term. The pathway below represents the steps a student would need to take to be admitted into the Fire Suppression Program.



## INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Information Session will discuss the Fire Suppression Program and expectations, FireTEAM test, local resident volunteer programs and provide an in-depth CPAT (physical fitness test) orientation.

**ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** See “Important Dates/Checklist” on Page 5.

## WHO MAY APPLY

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Description of Requirement</u>
<b>Minimum Age</b>	Applicants must be at least 18 years old starting from the first day of the fall term. No exceptions will be made.
<b>Secondary Education or GED</b>	Applicants must have graduated from high school or obtain a GED. Acceptable records include: transcripts (with graduation date), diploma, certificate or records of completion.
<b>Academic Preparedness</b>	Accepted as a student at Chemeketa Community College and have received a College "K" number.
<b>Driving Record</b>	A valid driver's license is required. Applicants must be able to furnish a certified copy of their driving record showing not more than two convictions for moving violations or two chargeable accidents or any combination of two thereof in past three prior years and no conviction of a moving violation which is alcohol or drug-related in the prior five years. All periods are calculated from the date of the first scheduled class in the beginning term.
<b>Criminal Conviction</b>	Persons with a criminal record of crimes against people, violent crimes, or multiple convictions may be disqualified. If you have such a conviction, contact the Program Chair or the Dean of Emergency Services and Diesel Technology.
<b>Medical Examination</b>	If selected for a position in the program, you will be required to submit proof of a medical examination pursuant to NFPA standards for firefighters. Copies of these standards are available from program staff.
<b>Immunizations</b>	If selected for a position in the program, you must submit proof of immunization for chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and you must have at least the first in a series of immunizations for Hepatitis B. A negative tuberculosis (TB) test result is also required. Details for submitting records will be provided during Program Orientation. <i>Note: COVID-19 vaccinations rules are constantly changing within the healthcare and emergency services industries. Please check with staff about the current requirements for COVID-19 vaccinations.</i> Further information will be provided during Fire Suppression Program Orientation for those student selected.

## CONTACT US

**In-person:** Chemeketa Brooks Center, Building 2, 4910 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks OR 97305  
*(It is best to schedule an appointment time if you would like to speak with staff in-person.)*

**Email:** allison.sebern@chemeketa.edu

**Phone:** Allison Sebern at 503.584.7478

## EO/AA/ADA/Title IX Institution

For the most up to date information regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Americans with Disabilities Act and Title IX at Chemeketa Community College visit: [www.chemeketa.edu/about/legal](http://www.chemeketa.edu/about/legal)

## IMPORTANT DATES / CHECKLIST

<p><b>Apply for admission to Chemeketa</b>  <a href="https://go.chemeketa.edu/apply">go.chemeketa.edu/apply</a></p>	As soon as possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 6
<p><b>Summer Registration Opens</b>  <b>for XFRP5001A Fire Suppression Selection Process Course</b></p>	May 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 7
<p><b>Information Session (IN-PERSON)</b>  <b>Sign-up at: <a href="https://forms.gle/V1Gj7PF2YRnTc2Lp6">https://forms.gle/V1Gj7PF2YRnTc2Lp6</a></b></p>	May 15, 2025 or June 2, 2025 (4:00pm – 6:00pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 3
<p><b>FireTEAM Test (IN-PERSON)</b>  <b>at Brooks Center</b></p>	June 5, 2025 or June 18, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pages 8, 11, 12, 13
<p><b>FireTEAM Testing DEADLINE</b>  <i>(Testing available online or in-person)</i></p>	June 23, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pages 8, 11, 12, 13
<p><b>Registration DEADLINE for the XFRP5001A</b>  <b>Fire Suppression Selection Process Course</b></p>	June 23, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 7
<p><b>Application and Documents DEADLINE</b>  <b>(via XFRP5001A Course in Canvas)</b></p>	June 27, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pages 8, 9
<p><b>Oral Board Interview Scheduling DEADLINE</b>  <b>(via XFRP5001A Course in Canvas)</b></p>	July 3, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 9
<p><b>Oral Board Interviews</b>  <b>(IN-PERSON)</b></p>	July 7-9, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 9
<p><b>CPAT Test Scheduling DEADLINE</b>  <b>(via XFRP5001A Course in Canvas)</b></p>	July 16, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pages 9, 14
<p><b>Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)</b>  <b>(IN-PERSON)</b></p>	July 21-22, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 9, 14
<p><b>Program Orientation</b>  <b>(MANDATORY IN-PERSON)</b></p>	July 25, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page 10
<p><b>Class Meeting</b>  <b>(MANDATORY IN-PERSON)</b></p>	September 15, 2025		
<p><b>Fall Classes Begins</b></p>	September 29, 2025		

# APPLYING FOR CHEMEKETA ADMISSION

In order to register for the Fire Suppression Selection Process course, you must first be a Chemeketa Community College Student. Read the below section that best describes your student status.

## **CURRENT “ACTIVE” CHEMEKETA STUDENTS:**

If you do not have any holds on your account that prevent you from registering, please complete Step 1 on page 7 when your Registration Status allows you to register. Your Registration Status can be viewed in your MyChemeketa account, under Registration. If you have holds on your account and need assistance with registration please contact Enrollment Services (503.399.5001) or Academic Advising (503.399.5120).

## **FIRST-TIME CHEMEKETA STUDENTS:**

Visit our “First-Time College Student” webpage that will walk you through the steps of becoming a Chemeketa student. <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/first-time-college-student/>

First step:

- Apply for admission
  - **Select the “Starting Term” as Summer 2025.** This is important because the free non-credit course that takes you through the selection process is during the first five weeks of **Summer term**. If selected for the Fire Program you will start your program courses in the Fall term.

Next step: Expect the admission process to take **five to fifteen business days** before you receive notification that you have been accepted as a Chemeketa student. Once accepted you can continue the following steps at <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/first-time-college-student/>

- Setup your Chemeketa student account.
- Explore ways to pay for college.
- Placement assessments
  - Estimated processing time: five to fifteen business days.
- New student orientation
  - Available in-person or online
- New student advising
  - Book your appointment as soon as possible. Depending on the time of year students may have to book an appointment several weeks in advance.

## **RETURNING AND TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

Visit our “How to Enroll” webpage that will walk you through the steps of returning to Chemeketa or transferring to Chemeketa from another college. <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/> These steps may include, applying for admission, meeting with an advisor and applying for financial aid. Expect the admission process to take **five to fifteen business days** before you receive notification of admission.

## **OTHER:**

Visit our “How to Enroll” webpage for additional information in becoming a current Chemeketa Student. <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/>

# **FIRE SUPPRESSION SELECTION PROCESS COURSE**

The Fire Suppression Program is a limited enrollment program. This means that there is a competitive selection process that takes place to select the students who will enter the program. The selection process is conducted during the first five weeks of summer term through the XFRP5001A – Fire Suppression Selection Process course. If selected for the Fire Suppression Program students will start program courses Fall term. Registration begins in May depending on your Registration Status that can be viewed in your MyChemeketa account, under Registration. **Follow instructions further on in this packet to be eligible to register for this course and for more information on what the course entails.**

**\*TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS PROCESS PLEASE READ THIS PACKET IN ITS ENTIRETY\***

**REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MAY 2025**

**AND**

**STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE BY JUNE 23, 2025**

## **STEP 1**

Upon registration eligibility register for the XFRP5001A – Fire Suppression Selection Process course with the following instructions:

- Log in to your My Chemeketa account
- Click **Registration**
- Click **Class Search**
- Select **Student** under Please Select a Role and click **OK**
- Click **Class Search**
- Select **Summer** under Terms Open for Registration and click **CONTINUE**
- Click the **Enter CRNs** tab
- Type **CRN 18669** into the CRN box
- Click **Add to Summary**
- In the Summary section click **Submit**

For more information on how to register for courses visit:

<https://www.chemeketa.edu/programs-classes/classes/faq/>

## **REGISTRATION Q&A:**

What if I am not a current Chemeketa Student?

- On the page 6 read “Applying for Chemeketa Admission”

What if I am not registered to begin Summer term?

- Visit <https://join.chemeketa.edu/register/change-admission-term> and complete the required information. This may take several business days to update in the system to allow you to register.

What do I do if I have holds on my account that prevent me from registering?

- If you have holds on your account and need assistance with registration please contact Enrollment Services (503.399.5001) or Academic Advising (503.399.5120).

## COMPLETE BEFORE SUMMER TERM

In order to be prepared for the Fire Suppression Selection Process course, you will need to complete all of the following steps prior to the beginning of Summer Term. It is best to allow for several weeks or months prior to the start of summer term to ensure that you have everything in place for the first day of class.

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO ANY DEADLINES.** See Page 5 for Important Dates / Checklist.

### **MUST BE COMPLETE BY JUNE 23, 2025**

#### **STEP 2**

**Collect or complete the information below:**

- ❖ Have a photocopy or digital copy of current driver's license available
- ❖ Obtain your electronic DMV driving record **"3-Year Employment Driving Record (Certified)"**
  - For Oregon DMV records visit:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/dmv/pages/records/available.aspx>
    - Download and save. This information will be needed for the selection process.
    - Note: There is a cost associated with obtaining driving records in Oregon.
  - If outside of Oregon, follow your states DMV policy for obtaining your driving record.
- ❖ Obtain a copy of your High School or GED completion records.
  - Acceptable records include: transcripts (with graduation date), diploma or certificate.
- ❖ If you have attended another college, besides Chemeketa, you should complete a "Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit Form". More information regarding this process is available at: <https://www.chemeketa.edu/students/student-services/enrollment-services/transcript-evaluation/>
- ❖ **Complete Firefighter Testing System (FireTEAM)**
  - Registration Instructions are on **Page 11**
    - In-person test dates will be held at the Brooks Center (June 5, 2025 at 9:00am and June 18, 2025 at 9:00am). If you are not able to attend either session you must make arrangements to take the test virtually.
  - A description of the test is on **Page 12**
  - NTN Virtual Testing Information is on **Page 13**
  - **Testing dates fill up quickly, it is best to schedule your test at least two weeks in advance. Testing must be completed prior to June 23, 2025.**

## SUMMER TERM STARTS – JUNE 23, 2025

When summer term begins it is time to start the Fire Suppression Selection Process course. Candidates must complete each step to move onto the next step in the process. The following steps will walk you through accessing the course, uploading your documentation, signing up for your Oral Board Interview and CPAT test.

**Students who successfully finish the entire selection process and are selected will receive notification by MyChemeketa email of their acceptance into the program on July 23, 2025.**

#### **STEP 3**

Access the Fire Suppression Selection Process course in Canvas:

- Log into your MyChemeketa account
- Click the "eLearn" button on the top right-side of the screen
- From your Dashboard select the course
- Continue below with STEP 4



## STEP 4 - MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 27, 2025

- STEP 4** Once you have accessed the Fire Suppression Selection course in Canvas:
- Complete the Introduction Module
  - Complete Module 1
    - Fill out the Fire Suppression Application
  - Complete Module 2 by uploading the following documentation:
    - Placement Assessment Results
    - Copy of Driver's License
    - Copy of your Driving Record
    - Copy of your High School or GED completion records.
  - Complete Module 3 (If applicable)
    - Transcript Evaluation for Prior College Courses
  - Complete Module 4
    - Documentation of payment for the **\$40.00 (Non-refundable) Application Fee** to apply for the Fire Suppression Program.

**Selection Process:** *Selections are based on the FireTEAM written examination, oral board interview and CPAT testing which is pass or fail.*

### **Only those selected for CONSIDERATION in the upcoming class will complete Step 5.**

(Those selected will receive notification by MyChemeketa email on June 30, 2025.)

- STEP 5** Schedule your Oral Board Interview in Canvas with the instructions in Module 5.
- Interviews must be scheduled by **July 3, 2025 by 4:00pm.**
  - During the interview candidates will be asked a series of questions by a panel made up of Emergency Services Staff and Fire Service Professionals.
  - ***NOTE: If you arrive after your scheduled interview time, you will not be able to interview or continue with the selection process.***

### **Only those selected for CONSIDERATION in the upcoming class will complete Steps 6.**

(Those selected will receive notification by MyChemeketa email on July 10, 2025.)

- STEP 6** Schedule your CPAT Test in Canvas with the instructions in Module 6.
- CPAT Tests must be schedule by **July 16, 2025.**
  - ***NOTE: If you arrive after your scheduled test time, you will not be able to test or continue with the selection process.***
  - See Page 14 additional information

***Note: DO NOT schedule this test through NTN. This is an unofficial CPAT provided to Chemeketa Fire Program candidates only as part of this selection process.***

**Only those SELECTED in the upcoming class will complete Step 7.**

(Those selected will receive notification by MyChemeketa email on July 23, 2025.)

**STEP 7**

Candidates that are selected for the Fire Suppression Program must attend the in-person **Mandatory Fire Suppression Program Orientation on July 25, 2025 from 8:00am to 3:00pm.** Orientation will provide information and instruction for the following:

- Shift assignments and shift calendar
  - *Students in the Fire Suppression Program are on duty as a Chemeketa student firefighter for a 24-hour period every sixth day during Fall, Winter and Spring terms. While academic classes are in session student shifts will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, responding to emergencies with partnering fire agencies in Marion County, Polk County and Yamhill County. Summer terms students will be assigned to shifts for five weeks for Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) with partnering fire agencies.*
- First term drill schedule and drill calendar
- Chemeketa Student Rights & Responsibilities and Code of Conduct
- Program policies and procedures
- EMT requirements
- Immunization records
- Drug testing
- Criminal history report and fingerprinting
- Class roster photos
- Degree course requirements by term
- Fall course registration
- Chemeketa alerts
- Uniform specifications
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) specification
- Resident volunteer programs
- Chemeketa student resources
- Medical and respiratory exam requirements
- First day of class instructions

Information you will need for orientation:

- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Black pen and paper to take notes

## **PARAMEDIC BRIDGE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

This certificate program is limited enrollment to selected students who have an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university, possess a current Oregon EMT License and are actively working in the EMS or Fire career field or are a recent graduate of the Chemeketa Fire Suppression Program. This pathway to a Paramedic License will prepare competent entry-level paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains through comprehensive education. This process will ensure that each candidate will be prepared for emergency responses and some of the most critical patient encounter with confidence and the ability to perform with an understanding of the current industry expectations. For more information talk to Chemeketa Brooks staff or visit: [go.chemeketa.edu/ems](http://go.chemeketa.edu/ems)

# **FIREFIGHTER TESTING SYSTEM (FireTEAM) REGISTRATION**

- Go to the National Testing Network (NTN) website at: [nationaltestingnetwork.com](http://nationaltestingnetwork.com)
  - During this process you will be asked to make an account with the NTN, if you do not have one already. If you already have an account log into your preexisting account when prompted.
  - Current price of the test is \$55.00. (This is subject to change, visit NTN's website for a current price list.)
- **If you have taken this test in the past six months, please contact Allison Sebern.**
- Click the "Find Jobs" tab at the top of the page
- For Job Class select Firefighter
- For State select Oregon
- Click the "Update" button
- Check Chemeketa Community College-Fire Protection
- Click the "Continue" button and "That is All I Want" button.
- Next verify that you qualify by selecting "I qualify. Continue." and click the "Continue" button.
- Select from the two types of testing options
  - Virtual Testing (see Page 13 for additional information)
    - Select "Virtual Testing" and click the "Continue" button.
    - Select a date and time that works best for you.
    - Click the "Continue" button.
    - Read all of the Virtual Testing Instructions carefully and then click the "Continue" button.
    - Continue to follow prompts to complete your test selection.
  - In-Person Testing
    - Select the physical testing center that you would like to test in-person at and then click the "Continue" button. (If prompted with a reminder click the "Continue" button.)
    - Select a date and time that works best for you.
    - Click the "Continue" button.
    - Continue to follow prompts to complete your test selection.
- You will be prompted to complete a self-assessment after you have signed up for your test. The self-assessment must be completed by the start of summer term.

## **FireTEAM Q&A:**

When does the test need to be completed by?

- By the first day of Summer Term

Do I need to complete the Self-Assessment?

- Yes, the self-assessment must be completed by the beginning of Summer Term.

What does the FireTEAM test consist of?

- See the next page, page 12 "Firefighter Testing System (FireTEAM)"

Is the test pass/fail?

- No, the Fire Program will look at each candidate's individual scores.

Who do I contact if I have problems signing up for the test?

- NTN support phone 206.428.3265 (Monday thru Friday: 6 am to 5 pm PT)

# **FIREFIGHTER TESTING SYSTEM (FireTEAM)**

There are four components to the FireTEAM Testing System: a human relations test, a mechanical aptitude test, a math test and a reading ability test. Total Test Time: Approximately 2 hours

## **Human Relations Test**

### **Part I**

The Human Relations Test focuses on teamwork and human relations skills and was specifically designed for firefighters. Candidates watch a video segment and then choose the best course of action in a multiple-choice format. The test items play without stopping.

### **Part II**

Candidates are instructed to pay attention to the behaviors of the individual firefighters and supervisors portrayed in the Human Relations test, then answer questions about the characters. Part II immediately follows Part I.

## **Mechanical Test**

The Mechanical Test is a multiple-choice mechanical aptitude test presented on video. Candidates see detailed introductions to an animated brick-making factory, then are asked questions about the factory. Most of the questions are about basic mechanical objects and principles such as valves and water pressure. They are also asked to answer troubleshooting type questions and observe system operations for problems. All of the questions can be answered based on common sense and observation of how everyday objects work.

## **Reading Test**

This test is designed specifically for firefighters, a job requiring ongoing study of difficult and technical materials. Candidates are required to choose a word that best fits in the blank.

## **Math Test**

This math test is designed specifically for firefighters. The questions are presented on video. Candidates must complete the calculations in their heads. No written calculation is permitted. Questions are based on the type of math that firefighters must use on a regular basis as part of the job. Basic areas covered include: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and proportions.

## ***Practice Test***

*For more detailed information and practice items with discussion, visit the FireTEAM Practice Test website at [www.fireteamtest.com](http://www.fireteamtest.com).*

# NTN VIRTUAL TESTING INFORMATION

The full list of testing instructions are available at:

<https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/index.cfm?mode=page/virtual>

## Partial list of Instruction:

- You must download and use the NTN kiosk to take your exam! There are specific system requirements that are required in order to take the test that are listed on the link above.
- Any object other than what is needed to take the exam is NOT allowed. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Using the restroom during your exam is NOT allowed.
  - Multiple monitors are NOT allowed.
  - Wireless headphones or wireless earbuds are NOT allowed.
  - Cell phones or other electronic devices are NOT allowed in the room with you.
  - Sunglasses and hats are NOT allowed.
  - Food and drink are NOT allowed.
  - Vape pens and/or any type of smoking are NOT allowed.
  - Paper and pencil or pens are NOT allowed. (You will be provided an area to type notes needed during the exam).
- Taking The Exam
  - All virtual testing exam times are in Pacific time.
  - You must take the test in a private room with the door closed. No one else can be in the room or enter the room during the test.
  - Your computer can only have one monitor (screen).
  - You are required to log into the kiosk to take your virtual exam **at least 30 minutes before your scheduled test time.**
  - Before you begin testing, reboot your computer, then close all programs in your tray and disable screen savers. Any program that produces alerts must be shut down. Leave all programs closed until you are done testing.
  - The following will be monitored and recorded while the kiosk program is running:
    - Programs running on your computer
    - Your video
    - Your audio
    - Your actions in the exam and proctor windows
    - Your desktop
  - Test sessions can last up to three (3) hours. Take care of personal needs (i.e., food, restroom) before testing begins.
  - If your webcam cannot clearly show your ID details you will not be able to test.
  - You must wear clothing. Clothing tops and bottoms are required to join a virtual test session. A Casual Dress Code is acceptable as long as the clothing is not revealing and does not allow more of the wearer's body to be seen than is usual. No hats/head covering, thick glasses, wristwatches or unnecessarily bulky clothing.

# PHYSICAL ABILITY TESTING - CPAT

Candidates must take part in a physical abilities test as part of the selection process. Chemeketa Fire Program uses the CPAT for measuring an individual's ability to handle the physical demands of being a firefighter. An unofficial CPAT is provided to Chemeketa Fire Program candidates only as part of this selection process and is **not** scheduled through NTN. **NOTE: Candidates that hold a current NTN passing test result may submit a copy of their results to Chemeketa staff and may not be required to complete another test.**

The NTN information below is just for your knowledge for this test, **DO NOT** sign up for this test on the NTN website. For further information regarding what the CPAT is and what is involved with the testing process visit: [https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/cpat\\_info.cfm](https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/cpat_info.cfm)

You can also search online for information regarding CPAT on any search engine. There are many videos and further information available online. A CPAT Orientation video may be viewed at: <https://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/ntn-test-cpat-video.cfm>

## **The Candidate Physical Abilities Test (CPAT)**

The CPAT was designed by fire fighters for fire fighters and endorsed by both the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). The CPAT consists of eight events directly related to the job of fire fighter. Candidates complete each of the events in a predetermined path from one event to another. The events are placed in a sequence that simulates fire scene events.

### **The events consist of:**

1. Stair climb
2. Hose drag
3. Equipment carry
4. Ladder raise and extension
5. Forcible entry
6. Search
7. Rescue
8. Ceiling breach and pull

During the events, candidates wear a 50-lb vest to simulate the weight of self-contained breathing apparatus and firefighter protective clothing. An additional 25 pounds is added to the candidate's shoulders during the stair climb event to simulate carrying a high-rise pack. The CPAT Orientation sessions give candidates an opportunity to preview each event. They have the opportunity to try out the weighted vests, the individual events and ask questions.

Throughout all events, candidates must wear long pants, a hard hat with chinstrap, work gloves and appropriate footwear with no open heel or toe. Watches and loose or restrictive jewelry are not permitted. Candidates will not be allowed to participate in the testing process without the appropriate attire. The Chemeketa staff will provide the hard hat and work gloves for use during the test.

The Firefighter CPAT is very strenuous. If you have had a recent illness, injury, surgery or are under medication, consult with your healthcare provider to determine if you should participate in the CPAT.



**CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BROOKS**  
**ESTIMATED TUITION AND FEE COST**  
**FOR A.A.S. DEGREE IN FIRE SUPPRESSION BY TERM**  
*Based on 2024-25 Catalog Year*

<u><b>Term 1 - Fall</b></u>	Course Number	Credits	Est. Course Total	Est. Term Total
Principles of Emergency Service	ES173	3	453.00	
Fire EMT, Part 1*	FRP141	4	946.00	
Shift and Station Operations 1	FRP167	1	151.00	
Hazmat Operations	FRP175	1	151.00	
Fire Incident Related Experience 1	FRP191	4	1094.00	<b>2795.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 2 - Winter</b></u>				
Fire EMT, Part 2*	FRP142	4	946.00	
Fire Behavior and Combustion	FRP159	3	453.00	
Fire Incident Related Experience 2	FRP192	4	1184.00	
Building Construction for Fire Protection	FRP266	3	453.00	<b>3036.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 3 - Spring</b></u>				
Fire EMT, Part 3*	FRP143	4	946.00	
Principles of Fire & Emergency Services	FRP156	3	453.00	
Hydraulics, Water Supply, Pump	FRP180	4	904.00	
Fire Incident Related Experience 3	FRP193	4	1094.00	<b>3397.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 4 - Summer</b></u>				
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	FRP280D	4	604.00	
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	FRP280E	5	755.00	
Computing Concepts <b>-or-</b> Beginning Comp.	CIS101+ <b>-or-</b> CA100	3	555.00	<b>1914.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 5 - Fall</b></u>				
Fire Prevention	FRP260	3	453.00	
Shift and Station Operations 2	FRP267	1	151.00	
Fire Incident Related Experience 4	FRP291	4	1094.00	
Academic Composition+ or higher	WR121	4	570.00	<b>2268.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 6 - Winter</b></u>				
Fire Protection Systems & Extinguishers	FRP171	3	453.00	
Fire Incident Related Experience 5	FRP292	4	1094.00	
Intro to Intercultural Communications	COMM115	4	622.00	
Technical Writing	WR227	4	613.00	<b>2782.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 7 - Spring</b></u>				
Emergency Services Rescue Practices	FRP256	4	904.00	
Fire Incident Related Experience 6	FRP293	4	1094.00	
Elementary Algebra	MTH070 or higher	4	564.00	<b>2562.00</b>
 <u><b>Term 8 - Summer</b></u>				
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	FRP280D	4	604.00	
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	FRP280E	5	755.00	
Psychology of Human Relations	PSY101+	4	627.00	<b>1986.00</b>

\*Or possession of valid Oregon EMT Basic certification

<b>Estimated Total Tuition and Fees:</b>	<b>\$20,740.00</b>
<b>Estimated Additional Costs, Uniform and Equipment:</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>
<b>Estimated Two Year Program Total:</b>	<b>\$28,140.00</b>

## ADDITIONAL COSTS

Pricing listed are only estimates. For further information regarding these costs, contact fire program staff.

<b>Application Fee</b>	\$40.00
<b>FireTEAM</b>	\$55.00
<b>CastleBranch</b>	\$43.88 ( <i>CastleBranch is utilized for immunization records.</i> )
<b>Medical Examination</b>	Cost varies based on insurance coverage and exams ordered.
<b>Books</b>	\$1500.00 - \$2200.00
<b>EMT Course Additional Costs</b>	\$500.00 ( <i>CPR, Skills Assessment, testing and licensing</i> )

## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COSTS

If selected for the Fire Suppression Program, listed below are the items that students are expected to purchase. Pricing listed are only estimates. Further details will be covered in the Fire Suppression Program Orientation.

### **Uniforms from the Chemeketa Bookstore**

<b>MINIMUM OF ONE BLUE DRESS SHIRT</b>	\$38.00 - \$40.00
<b>MINIMUM OF ONE EMS/FIRE T-SHIRT</b>	\$29.95
<b>EMS/FIRE SWEATSHIRT (OPTIONAL)</b>	\$62.00
<b>ONE EMERGENCY SERVICES PATCH</b> (Additional sewing costs may apply)	\$9.95
<b>ONE FIRE BADGE</b>	\$102.65
<b>CHEMEKETA EMERGENCY SERVICES HAT (OPTIONAL)</b>	\$24.95

### **Additional Uniform Requirements** (*Items and cost will vary by company and selections available*)

<b>UNIFORM PANTS (BLACK)</b>	\$20.00 - \$60.00
<b>BOOTS (BLACK)</b>	\$400.00 - \$600.00
<b>EMBROIDERED NAME PATCH</b> for Blue Dress Shirt	\$15.00

### **Personal protective equipment (PPE)** (*Items and cost will vary by company and selections available*)

<b>NFPA MODERN FIRE HELMET (YELLOW)</b>	\$150.00 - \$300.00
<b>NFPA STRUCTURAL FIRE GLOVES (NEUTRAL COLOR)</b>	\$80.00 - \$120.00
<b>NFPA FIRE HOOD (NEUTRAL COLOR)</b>	\$50.00 - \$150.00
<b>BOOTS (EITHER RUBBER OR LEATHER)</b>	\$120.00 - \$300.00
<b>CHEMEKETA SPEC TURNOUT JACKET AND PANTS</b>	\$3000.00