

Heat of the Moment, Heart of the Hero

The 6-month Firefighter Career Certificate program at Florida SouthWestern State College will prepare you to sit for the State of Florida Firefighter II certification exam to become a firefighter.

You will train at the North Collier Fire Training Center, which was recognized in 2015 and 2018 as the State of Florida Training Facility of the Year.



Program Requirements Visit our website for full requirements

To apply, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have no felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Submit copies of required testing demonstrating reading, writing, and math proficiency
- Pass a physical examination
- Pass physical ability testing
- Submit fingerprints for a background check

As a Firefighter, You Will:

Firefighters help protect the public during emergencies involving life, property, or the environment. In addition to fighting fires, they respond to medical calls, car crashes, chemical spills, floods, water rescues, and more.

- Drive and operate emergency vehicles
- Use sophisticated firefighting and rescue equipment
- Put out fires using hoses, extinguishers, and pumps
- Treat sick or injured individuals
- Promote fire safety through talks, advice, and training sessions
- Inspect buildings for fire safety and enforce safety standards
- Work with police and other first responders



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The median annual wage for Firefighter was \$59,530 in May 2024*

*United States Bureau of Labor Statistics