

# Save • Protect • Rescue

*Firefighters are respected and trusted because of their dedication, courage and compassion in times of crisis. Do you have what it takes?*

## The Program

We prepare you for job requirements and employment opportunities within the highly competitive and fulfilling career of the fire service. We also provide course work for currently employed fire service personnel to meet continuing education needs.



Our graduates find employment with local, state and federal fire departments, industrial fire safety and protection companies and emergency medical service providers. They also transfer to programs at four-year universities to develop careers in both the public and private sector.

Our focus is to help you become an effective fire service employee whether you're just exploring this as a career or you're a current responder already protecting our community.

Our ultimate goal is to ensure that our community continues to be served by this statewide-renowned and progressive public safety career technical program.

## What Firefighters Do

As a firefighter, you respond to a wide variety of incidents. On any given day at work you can be involved in fighting fire, emergency medical care, disaster relief response, participate in urban or wilderness search-and-rescue, respond to marine or swift water rescue emergencies, wildland firefighting and other critical tasks involved in serving communities during need.

The fire service is a rewarding and respected career. It requires and builds responsibility, professionalism and values. You must possess the qualities of courage, compassion and common sense.

Firefighting is dangerous. Personal discipline is required to maintain physical strength, fitness and a healthy life style in order to meet the demanding and unexpected challenges of emergency response and community trust.



## Your Educational Options

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE** You get an overview of all aspects of the fire service and a strong foundation for employment and future education and job opportunity. Entry-level positions require you to possess solid basic educational skills, communication abilities and life experiences that demonstrate maturity. The associate degree is often a minimum requirement for many fire service jobs.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING** We offer basic life support and preparation for advanced life support courses. Many fire departments require firefighters train to a minimum of EMT-Basic as a job requirement.

**For more information:**  
[cabrillo.edu/academics/publicsafety](http://cabrillo.edu/academics/publicsafety)

**ON-GOING CAREER TRAINING** Firefighters train constantly. To respond effectively to natural disasters, man-made catastrophes, hazardous material spills, arson, terrorism, complex medical calls and challenging rescues, you must be highly trained, disciplined and competent. On-going education and job training is an integral part of a successful career.

## Career Options

**MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS** save lives and property and respond to all-risks and all-hazards. A typical job is to extinguish house fires, rescue and treat victims at accident scenes and care for the sick and injured by giving emergency medical care.

**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS** suppress wildland fires by means of deploying hand lines, helicopter drop operations and cutting firebreaks with hand tools, chainsaws, and heavy equipment such as bulldozers.



**FIRE ENGINEERS** drive to emergencies, pump water from the fire engine to the nozzle, calculate hose line water pressures, and operate/maintain all fire engine and truck equipment including jaws-of-life, airbags and urban search and rescue equipment. They also operate the aerial ladder and nozzles.

**FIRE INSPECTORS AND FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST** conduct life and safety building inspections, do fire code enforcement, work in all aspects of fire sprinkler system design, installation and inspection, and do hazard reduction and weed abatement programs in the community.



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**Firefighting also includes:**

**EMTs** Most firefighters are trained to at least the level of emergency medical technician. Typical responses include caring for victims of violent crimes, vehicle accidents, emergency childbirth and medical calls.



Some firefighters with more technical medical training are paramedics who give advanced life support, e.g. place breathing tubes, start IV lines, give cardiac medications, read EKG cardiac rhythms and do life-saving interventions.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPECIALISTS** respond to and resolve hazardous spills and leaks and monitor the use of hazardous materials in industry.



## How To Enroll

**STEP 1** You may apply online at [www.cabrillo.edu](http://www.cabrillo.edu), or use the form in the Schedule of Classes. Your application can be faxed (831-479-5782), brought

in person or mailed to: Admissions and Records Office, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

**STEP 2** You will receive registration information in the mail including your time to begin registering.

## Who May Enroll

Cabrillo College is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, or anyone with a high school diploma or proficiency certificate. High school students also may attend classes at Cabrillo on a limited basis with the permission of their high school principals.

## Nondiscrimination Policy

Cabrillo Community College does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, the college's programs and activities, including vocational education programs. Limited English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in vocational education programs.

## Plan De Acción No Discriminatoria

Cabrillo Community College no discrimina a base de identificación con grupos étnicos, nacionalidad de origen, religión, edad, sexo, raza, color, incapacidad mental o física ni orientación sexual en ninguna de sus reglamentaciones, procedimientos o prácticas. Este plan de acción no discriminatoria incluye la admisión y el acceso a los programas y actividades, y el tratamiento y el empleo en los mismos, incluyendo la educación vocacional. Tener limitadas destrezas en el idioma inglés no constituirá una barrera para ser admitido o participar en los programas de educación vocacional. 7/08

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# Fire Technology



## The Profession

*Enjoy mental and physical challenges? Passionate about helping the public in time of need?* Then consider a highly rewarding career in the fire service. As a firefighter, you'll dig deep within your character and face the physical, mental and emotional challenges of protecting the lives and property of the community.

It is a profession that demands your best, at all times.

*Do you have what it takes?* If so, come be part of this proud and noble profession. Begin your training now in Cabrillo's Fire Technology Program.

Not sure? Visit [www.cabrillo.edu/academics/publicsafety](http://www.cabrillo.edu/academics/publicsafety) for more info or call us at 831-479-6468.

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