

**Fire/EMT Combined Program
Admission Requirement Checklist
(Meeting minimum requirement does not guarantee admission)**

Program Information

The combined program is offered twice a year, beginning January-August and September-May. This is a full-time program. The program begins with the fire academy portion and meets Monday through Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. EMT portion meeting time and days may vary and may include evenings and weekends.

In order to be admitted to the Firefighter/EMT Combined program a student is required to complete the following:

- Complete the [St. Petersburg College Admission Application](#) and pay the non-refundable fee.
***Note to returning students:** If you have not enrolled in courses for six previous semesters, you will need to complete the online [Readmission Application in MySPC](#). You will be asked if you want to complete the readmission process when you log in to MySPC. Failure to do so will prohibit or delay your course enrollment.
- Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcripts. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institute are waived from this requirement but must submit all transcripts documenting degree completion. Unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened are not acceptable.
- Successfully pass the Physical Ability Test (PAT) administered by the SPC Fire Academy. Contact the Fire and Public Safety Training Center for testing dates at 727.302.6873
- Applicants must be 18 years of age by the start date of the fire academy program.
- Complete **one** of the following to satisfy the basic skills requirement.
 - Score of 50 or higher in English, Math, and Reading portion of the College Placement Test (P.E.R.T.)
 - Score of level 10 on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), Complete Battery or Survey Form, (Forms 9 and 10, 2003)

EXCEPTIONS:

- Provide proof of successful completion of a state, national, or industry certification or licensure examination.
- Prove current enrollment in an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Florida Department of Education.
- Entered a Florida public or charter high school in the 2003-2004 school year, and any year thereafter, and graduated beginning 2007, and any year thereafter, with a Florida standard high school diploma.
- Currently serving as an active duty member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services.
- Has earned an Associate's Degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Successfully completed college preparatory or developmental education course requirements in English, Reading and Math.
- Provide proof of successful completion of college-level English and Math courses from a regionally accredited college or university.

Candidates accepted into the program not meeting one of the above exceptions must complete the basic skills requirement by the sixth week of the program or they will be withdrawn from the program regardless of their academic standing.

Selection Criteria

The Fire/EMT combined program enrollment selection process will place candidates on an eligibility list. The list will be comprised of candidates who have passed the SPC Physical Abilities Test, met all entrance requirements, and submitted a **complete** application packet prior to the posted deadline. Applicants who do not submit a complete application packet will not be considered for enrollment.

Applicants will be placed on the eligibility list in the following category order:

1. Applicants employed by an organized Florida fire service agency.
2. Applicants that possess a current Florida, or National, EMT or Paramedic certification
3. Applicants who are Honorably Discharged veterans, as documented by a DD-214 form.
4. Applicants that have a current NFPA Firefighter II certification obtained in another state.
5. Applicants that have attained a college level degree evidenced by a transcript.
6. Applicants not meeting any of the criteria listed in 1-5 above.

It is common for the number of applicants to exceed the maximum student load for Fire Academy classes. Should the number of applicants in the last category used to fill the available seats exceed the number of seats available, all names from that category will be placed into a lottery drawing to determine admission offers. After applying the criteria listed in categories 1-5 above, any remaining available seats will be filled by a lottery drawing of those applicants identified in #6 above. Applicants not offered admission under the provisions of 1-5 above will be placed on a contact list for consideration for the next available fire academy class.

Once accepted you must complete the following:

- Complete the program orientation. (Information provided in acceptance E-mail)
- Complete a [background check and drug screening](#). (Due date provided at the orientation)
- Complete the Health Examination (Physical) Form, all required vaccinations and proof of immunity (titers).(Forms and due date provided at the orientation)
- Completion of Healthcare Provider CPR Certification by American Heart Association. (Due Date provided at the orientation)

Admission Statistics

Typically, 30 - 35 students are admitted into the Fire/EMT combined program. We generally have between 65 and 85 applicants. If you are not offered admission, in accordance with the criteria above, you will be placed on a contact list for consideration in the next available Fire/EMT combined program. Please note that various restrictions may limit class sizes.

Students completing the Fire Academy before EMT will be permitted to take state Firefighter Certification tests, however will not receive state firefighter certification until proof of successful completion of the EMT portion is submitted to the State Bureau of Standards and Training.

Estimated Program Cost

This Combined Program is eligible for Financial Aid

Tuition*	Physical, Vaccines, and proof of Immunity	Drug & Background Check	Uniforms, Special Equipment Lab & Other	Textbooks	National Exam(NREMT) & State License (\$115.00) and Fire State Exam (\$42.00)	Total
\$6379.10	\$665	\$151	\$600	\$575	\$157	\$8527.10

NOTE: Refunds are only available during the first week of the program

*NOTE: Tuition is estimated using the Florida resident rates. Out-of-state residents will be \$7,393.72. Tuition is for core coursework only.

Questions?

Please submit your questions about this program to the Fire and Public Safety Training Center at 727.302.6853

Accessibility Services

St. Petersburg College is committed to providing quality education and services to all students by ensuring that admission, academic programs, support services, student activities, and campus facilities are accessible to and usable by qualified students with disabilities. Each specific health program has its own technical standards which all students must meet with or without an accommodation(s). To help students achieve success, Accessibility Services works with students, faculty, and staff to coordinate the provision of reasonable accommodations. To put your accommodations in place, please contact the Health Education Center (HEC) Accessibility Services (AS) at 727-341-3721 or <http://go.spcollege.edu/Accessibility/> even if you are registered with another campus.

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