

FIS-109 Basic Firefighter Certification

The primary mission of the Fire Service is to protect lives and property. In doing so, Firefighters respond to a wide variety of emergency situations to protect people, property, and the environment from all types of accidents and emergencies. The job of a Firefighter is very physical, often performed in dangerous situations that demand quick thinking and hard work.

In order to function as a career Firefighter in the State of Illinois, most Fire Departments require certification as a “BOF” Basic Operations Firefighter (firefighter II) from an approved “OSFM” Office of the State Fire Marshall Fire Training Academy.

Harper College, Department of Fire Science Technology, has joined forces with the Elk Grove Township Fire Department Training Academy to deliver “FIS-109” Basic Firefighter Certification. This 12 credit course provides both instruction and certification as a state recognized Firefighter “BOF” Basic Operations Firefighter II, satisfying the didactic and manipulative requirements for the Illinois Office of State Fire Marshall. The Fire Academy will be limited to 20 students each semester.

Because this course is a competitive limited enrollment program and is intended for 2nd year FIS students, the following application requirements will be used for entry level in the Fire Academy.

FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Enrolled as a Harper College student with FIS as your major
2. Age 18 years or older on the first day of the Academy.
3. Possess a valid Illinois driver’s license.
4. Completed the firefighter Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) no later than one year prior to the first day of the Academy.
5. Submit to a personal background and criminal investigation check and have a clean history
6. Submit to a medical exam as delineated by NFPA 1582 Medical Standard for Firefighters
7. Possess major medical/health insurance.
8. Have at least 18 hours of FIS credits grade “B” or higher that include at a minimum of:
 - a. FIS-100
 - b. FIS-103
 - c. FIS-104
 - d. FIS-121
 - e. FIS-122
 - f. FIS-260
9. Undergo an interview process administered by members of the Elk Grove Township Fire Protection District with the assistance of the Harper College Fire Science Technology Department Program Coordinator.
10. Make full-payment, or have an approved financial plan or financial aid for course, at least one full week prior to the start of the academy.