

Articulation Agreements between  
Central Florida Fire Academy and  
Seminole & Valencia Community Colleges

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Vocational to AS Degree Articulation Agreement

between

The School Board of Orange County and  
The Central Florida Fire Academy

and

Seminole Community College A.S.  
Degree in Fire Science Technology

CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

This articulation agreement is entered into between Seminole Community College (The College) and The School Board of Orange County, and the Central Florida Fire Academy for the purpose of providing students in the Fire Science Technology Program, housed at the Central Florida Fire Academy at the Mid-Florida Technical Center and, with a pathway for completing the Associate in Science Degree in Fire Science Technology (FIRE-AS) at Seminole Community College. This is a collaborative program designed to prepare firefighters with a broad educational background to prepare the firefighter for advancement/promotion in the fire service.

ADMISSION and GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students articulating credit and entering into the Associate in Science program in Fire Science Technology offered by The College must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent, or a CPT eligible Certificate of Completion. Students must meet The College admission and placement requirements, including those of State Board Rule 6A-10.0315(3), FAC (College preparatory testing, placement, and instruction). In order to graduate, students must meet all graduation requirements of The College, including completion of at least 25 percent of the credits (15 credits for FIRE-AS) in residence in order to receive an Associate Degree from Seminole Community College.

VALIDATION MECHANISM(S)

Mid-Florida Tech, The Central Florida Fire Academy and Seminole Community College faculty committee members met, reviewed the curricula, and agreed that selected classes listed in this agreement in Fire Science Technology offered at Mid-Florida Tech can be articulated into college credits for the A.S. Degree in Fire Science Technology.

It is important to note that both The Central Florida Fire Academy at Mid-Florida Tech and The College:

- are certified training sites through the Florida State Fire College
- have Florida certified level II Fire Science instructor
- meet the same State of Florida OCP requirements for the Fire Science Technology

In addition to official transcripts which must be submitted to The College Registrar's office, students must provide The College's Fire Science Department Chair with the following in order to request articulated credit:

- High School Transcript
- Transcript or letter from the Central Florida Fire Academy at Mid-Florida Tech showing successful completion of the Fire Science Classes.
- Portfolio which includes documentation of:
  - o Fire Science coursework completed at the Central Florida Fire Academy at Mid-Florida Tech
  - o Employment verification from student's fire department

Designated faculty from The College Fire Science Department will evaluate the portfolio and then submit a completed "Request for Articulated Credit" form to The College Registrar's office so that credit is articulated and posted to the student's transcript. The portfolio must be maintained by The College Fire Science Department for a minimum of 5 years.

The College will accept the following classes and award credit toward the A.S. Degree in Fire Science Technology to students who successfully complete any of the following Fire Science Classes at the Central Florida Fire Academy at Mid Florida Tech:

FFP 1120	Building Construction for the Fire Service	3 credit hours
FFP 1505	Fire Prevention Practices	3 credit hours
FFP 2540	Private Fire Protection Systems I	3 credit hours
FFP 1810	Fire Service Strategy and Tactics I	3 credit hours
FFP 1000	Introduction to Fire Fighting (6 credit hours awarded for Fire Standards or Firefighter I & II, counts as two courses)	
FFP 2720	Company Officer	3 credit hours
FFP 1740	Fire Service Course Delivery	3 credit hours
FFP 1741	Fire Service Course Design	3 credit hours
FFP 2510	Fire Protection Codes and Standards	3 credit hours
FFP 2521	Construction Documents and Plans Review	3 credit hours
FFP 2706	Public Information Officer	3 credit hours
FFP 1531	Fire and Life Safety Educator	3 credit hours
FFP 2111	Hazardous Materials Chemistry I	3 credit hours
FFP 2610	Fire Investigation I	3 credit hours
FFP 2720	Company Officer	3 credit hours

SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A.S. Degree in Fire Science Technology (Draft)

Catalog Year 2007/2008

Major Code FIRE-AS

Major Courses		Credits
<b>Must complete all courses in this section</b>		<b>21</b>
FFP 1120	Building Construction for the Fire Service	3 credit hours
FFP	Fire Behavior and Combustion	3 credit hours
FFP 1505	Fire Prevention Practices	3 credit hours
FFP	Fire Protection Hydraulics and Water Supply	3 credit hours
FFP 2540	Private Fire Protection Systems I	3 credit hours
FFP	Principles of Emergency Services	3 credit hours
FFP 1810	Fire Service Strategy and Tactics I	3 credit hours

Students must complete one of the two following tracks:

**Technology Track: Choose any 8 classes/24 credit hours**

FFP 1000	Introduction to Fire Fighting (6 credit hours awarded for Fire Standards or Firefighter I & II, counts as two courses)	
FFP 1832	Emergency Response to Terrorism	3 credit hours
FFP 2720	Company Officer	3 credit hours
FFP 1740	Fire Service Course Delivery	3 credit hours
FFP 1741	Fire Service Course Design	3 credit hours
FFP 1811	Fire Service Strategy and Tactics II	3 credit hours
FFP 1801	Introduction to Command	3 credit hours
FFP 2510	Fire Protection Codes and Standards	3 credit hours
FFP 2521	Construction Documents and Plans Review	3 credit hours
FFP 2706	Public Information Officer	3 credit hours
FFP 1531	Fire and Life Safety Educator	3 credit hours
COS 1060C	Basic Computer Concepts or equivalent or higher level computer class	3 credit hours
SPC 1600	Introduction to Oral Communication	3 credit hours

**Higher Education Track: complete all of the following courses, 24 credit hours**

FFP 1780	Fire Department Administration I	3 credit hours
FFP	Occupational Safety and Health for the Fire Service	3 credit hours
FFP 2670	Legal Aspects of the Fire Service	3 credit hours
FFP 2111	Hazardous Materials Chemistry I	3 credit hours
FFP 2610	Fire Investigation I	3 credit hours
FFP	Fire Investigation II	3 credit hours
FFP 1801	Introduction to Command (3) SCC	
FFP 2720	Company Officer (3) SCC & CFFA	

\* Required courses for the U.S. Fire Administration Higher Education degree project.

**Articulation requirements:**

1. Students must complete the SCC college application.
2. Students must complete a College Placement Test, and meet all of the requirements for the Associate in Science degree.
3. Students must complete at least 15 credit hours at Seminole Community College.
4. To complete the higher education track students must complete the following courses at Seminole Community College:
  - FFP Fire Behavior and Combustion\* (3)
  - FFP Fire Protection Hydraulics and Water Supply\* (3)
  - FFP Principles of Emergency Services\* (3)
  - FFP Occupational Safety and Health for the Fire Service\* (3)
  - FFP 2670 Legal Aspects of the Fire Service\* (3)
  - FFP Fire Investigation II\* (3)
  - FFP 1801 Introduction to Command (3)
5. All faculty at CFFA must submit a resume to SCC
6. All students must complete the SCC/CFFA articulation request for credit form.

**General Education Courses 15**

ENC1101	English I	3
ENC1102	English II or	3
SPC 1600	Introduction to Oral Communication	
	Science or Mathematics General Education Course	3
	Humanities General Education Course	3
	Social Sciences General Education Course	3

**(General Education courses may be completed at any college)**

**Total credit hours 60**



**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
and  
ORANGE TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS - MID FLORIDA TECH**

**FIRE OFFICER I – FIRE INSPECTOR I/A.A. PRE-MAJOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

In a continuing effort to provide career ladder opportunities for students in career and technical education programs, Valencia Community College agrees to extend at no cost to the eligible students (other than the application for admission fee) full college credit who have completed one of the following programs at Orange Technical Education Centers - Mid Florida Tech, Orange County Public Schools and has passed the Fire Officer I or Fire Inspector I State of Florida Certification Exam.

**COURSE EQUIVALENCY IN SPECIALIZED COURSES**

**ORANGE TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
CENTER - MID FLORIDA TECH**

**Fire Officer I**  
CIP 0743020306  
(553 Contact Hours)

or

**Fire Inspector I**  
CIP 0743020200  
(200 Contact Hours)

**VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**A.A. Pre-Major Public Administration**  
Up to 15 Credits for any of the following courses  
(Credit for courses not identified below may be evaluated  
on an individual basis)

FFP 1505 Fire Prevention (3)  
FFP 1540 Private Fire Protection Systems I (3)  
FFP 1780 Company Officer (3)  
FFP 1824 Basic Incident Management System (1)  
FFP 1825 Intermediate Incident Management System (1)  
FFP 1832 Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts (1)  
FFP 2120 Building Construction for the Fire Service (3)  
FFP 2740 Fire Service Course Delivery (3)  
FFP 2810 Firefighting Tactics & Strategy I (3)  
FFP 2811 Firefighting Tactics & Strategy II (3)  
FFP 2510 Fire Codes and Standards (3)  
FFP 2521 Blueprint Reading and Plans Review (3)

**MAXIMUM AWARD OF CREDIT**

This agreement makes it possible for a student to receive fifteen (15) semester hours of college credit towards the A.A. Pre-Major Public Administration Program at Valencia Community College which is in accordance with commonly accepted good practice in higher education.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Valencia and Orange County Public Schools faculty and staff with responsibility for supervision and coordination of the Public Administration program have assessed the adequacy of the documentation and determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards, and assessment procedures meet the college standards for college credit course work and that the learning outcomes are consistent with the course work in A.A. Pre-Major Degree being articulated and that the state licensure exam required meets the criteria and measures the learning outcomes of the program.

## TRANSFERRING PROCESS

The transferring student must have documentation of passing the recognized Fire Officer I or Fire Inspector I State of Florida Certification Exam approved by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training and must furnish a certificate of completion for the Fire Officer I or Fire Inspector I Program at Mid Florida Tech along with an official signed copy of their student record (or have the OCP certificates with the teacher's signature). To have the courses reported on the official Valencia Community College transcript, transferring students must:

1. Meet regular College entrance requirements.
2. Complete the College Application and pay the College Admission Fee.
3. Be accepted into Valencia after completing the Fire Officer I or Fire Inspector I state approved program with documentation of passing the State of Florida Fire Officer I or Fire Inspector I Certification Exam.
4. Declare a major in the A.A. Pre-Major Public Administration degree.
5. Comply with the appropriate placement, course prerequisites and requirements of the college.
6. Successfully complete college credit level course work with a "C" or better at Valencia while enrolled on either a part-time or full-time basis for one semester to have the credit awarded on the official college transcript.
7. The Dean responsible for social sciences at any of the campuses at Valencia will evaluate the student's record and documentation, and notify the Registrar's Office of acceptable credit to be transferred and awarded.

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall be reviewed annually and evaluated biannually. It shall remain in effect from August 1, 2006, until either party identifies a need for revision or terminates this agreement with thirty days written notice.


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**ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Orange Technical Education Centers

**VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

  
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Chief Learning Officer

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