

# Fire Service Technology

<https://cwi.edu/program/fire-service-technology>



Are you interested in becoming a full-time or volunteer firefighter or looking to formalize your structural fire training in an accredited program? The College of Western Idaho's Fire Service Technology program will prepare you for opportunities as a full-time or volunteer firefighter and provide professional development for the career firefighter.

The curriculum is based on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) requirements, and the National Fire Academy's (FESHE) Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Model. Local fire department trainers and command staff assisted in the development of the curriculum and will also instruct in the program.

The program focuses on teaching you to analyze and solve problems in firefighting based on real-world situations and scenarios. You will be presented with the highest level of classroom instruction, hands-on demonstrations, and will participate in live burns. Also, you will enroll in a co-requisite physical fitness course designed specifically for firefighters.

The College of Western Idaho's Fire Service Technology degree and certificates are accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

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## GET STARTED TODAY

The CWI Fire Service Technology program is where you'll start your career in the firefighting industry. Complete this form as your first step to get started.

For question or help, email or call 208.562.2671.

There are multiple pathways you can choose from to meet your career and educational goals in the Fire Service Technology program. Complete the Get Started form above to start the process and discuss your goals with a CWI representative.

- **Associate of Arts degree**, a two year comprehensive program. – AA Plan of Study
- **Basic Technical Certificate 1**, a six month focused program on analyzing and solving problems in firefighting activities with hands-on training and classroom instruction. – BTC 1 Plan of Study
- **Basic Technical Certificate 2**, a 12 month program focused the National Fire Academy FESHE curriculum including emergency service operations, building construction, fire prevention, and fire protection systems. – BTC 2 Plan of Study
- **Intermediate Technical Certificate**, an 18 month program building upon the Basic Technical Certificate 1 and 2 with hands-on and classroom training. – ITC Plan of Study

Passing and retention rates for the CWI Fire Service Technology program certificate and degree offerings.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Fire Service Technology program has a special application process. Follow the steps below to get started.

**Step 1:** Contact the Fire Service Technology program by completing the **Get Started** form above.

**Step 2:** Once contacted to set up an appointment, be prepared to discuss your career goals. Our team can help align your

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goals with the program's degree and certificate offerings.

**Step 3:** Complete the program's supplemental application provided to you based on your chosen pathway.

**Step 4:** Complete the CWI Admission Application.

#### Note:

The Fire Service Technology BTC 1 has an additional requirement to pass the National Testing Network (NTN) test for "Public Safety Jobs - Firefighter", available during one time period per year.

- Open January through early March 2024 – CWI Fall 2022 FIRE 101 Test.
- Completing the practice tests is recommended. Practice tests are available through the National Testing Network.

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*Find information on requirements, costs of attendance and financial aid here.*

## MISSION

The College of Western Idaho's Fire Service Technology program prepares students for opportunities as a full-time or volunteer firefighter, and professional development for the active firefighter by formalizing your education and work experience.

## WHY THIS PROGRAM

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## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

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- Be equipped with the ethical reasoning skills and moral behavior associated with firefighting.
- How to successfully fit into the diverse culture of the Fire Service and understand the value of a firefighter in an organization.
- Possess the information, tools, and knowledge on how to approach the diversity of the work that a firefighter faces.
- Possess the information, tools, and knowledge on how they fit into the para-military organization of a fire department, how to follow as a new firefighter, and grow into leadership positions.
- Possess the information, tools, and knowledge to keep up to date with current tactical practices, national standards, and future advancements in the field of firefighting.
- Use problem solving skills to identify numerous ways to complete tasks with resources available, reflect on outcomes and suggest improvement plans in firefighting.
- Take on challenging tasks to create effective systems and programs in firefighting.
- Be prepared to pass both written and practical skills examinations administered by the College, State, and any appropriate Certification Accreditation Entity (e.g., IFSAC, FST, CPAT).

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## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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- An Associate of Arts in Fire Service Technology is transferrable to four-year institutions, like Idaho State University, Boise State University, or Eastern Oregon University, for those who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree.
  - Curious what you can do with a degree in Fire Service Technology? Visit [How to Become a Firefighter](#) to learn more.

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## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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**Fire Service Technology - Associates of Arts Degree, 24 Months**

Course Delivery Styles: In-Person

**Fire Service Technology - Basic Technical Certificate 1, 6 Months**

Course Delivery Styles: In-Person

**Fire Service Technology - Intermediate Technical Certificate, 12 Months**

Course Delivery Styles: In-Person

**Fire Service Technology - Basic Technical Certificate 2, 12 Months**

Course Delivery Styles: In-Person

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## CAREER INFORMATION

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CWI's Fire Service Technology program prepares students for opportunities as a full-time or volunteer firefighter.

What Can You Do With a Degree in Fire Science? - Learn more at the [Student Training & Education in Public Service](#) website

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## PROFESSIONS

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- Firefighter
- Volunteer Firefighter
- First Responder
- Fire Rescue
- Fire Investigator
- Emergency Responder
- Public Service

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## LOCATIONS

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**Canyon County Center Canyon County Center**  
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