Fire Service Technology (FST)
Basic Technical Certificate (BTC)

☑ **Maximum Class Enrollment:** 20 Students

☑ **Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023**

(Information current as of 3/3/2022 and subject to change)

Minimum Qualifications:

- ☐ **College of Western Idaho (CWI):** Admittance to CWI and to the CWI FST BTC program.
- ☐ **Age:** 18 (as of the first day class)
- ☐ **High School Graduate/GED:** Required for CWI admittance to the college and the FST BTC program.
- ☐ **Valid Driver's License:** State driver's license or the ability to obtain within 30 days. Acceptable driving record.
- ☐ **Medical Fitness Exam/Vision**: Must pass the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582 Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments (pre-employment physical) and 20/50 vision with corrective lenses as per Idaho requirements.
- ☐ ***Necessary Certification:** As of the first day of class, a valid state or Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT or Paramedic certification. {*If you need an exception for this requirement or are currently enrolled in an EMT program, please contact the Director of Public Safety Programs at the email address cwifireprogram@cwi.edu so a wavier can be requested.}
- ☐ **Specific Disqualifiers/Behaviors**:
  - ❖ **Felony, Criminal Activity Disqualifiers -** Candidates with any felony criminal convictions will be disqualified. Any other disqualifying offence as determined by the Idaho History Criminal Unit which would prevent the applicant from obtaining an Emergency Medical Service provider license in the State of Idaho.
  - ❖ **Driving Disqualifiers -** Candidates with any felony driving convictions will be disqualified.
  - ❖ **Drug Use Disqualifiers -** Candidates with any felony drug convictions will be disqualified.

Certificate Requirements:

Course	Course Title	Credits
FIRE 101	Fire Fighter 1	12
FIRE 110	Physical Fitness for Firefighters	1
Select one of the following elective courses to bring the total credits earned to 16:		3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	
POLS 101	American National Government	
PSYC 140	Relations for Career & Personal Success	
Minimum Credit Hours Required		**16**

Certificate Costs (Fees Vary by Student Type)**:** details at http://cwi.edu/current-students/tuition-and-fees

- **Application Process Fees:** Criminal History Check, National Testing Network, and Medical/Vision Exams
- **FIRE 101 (Fire Fighter 1):** CWI tuition fees for 12 credits, cost for books, **and** a Special Course Fee (SCF) of $2,600. SCF includes the rental of their required fire equipment (coat, pant, helmet, gloves, and boots); uniforms (Polo, t-shirts, sweatshirt, gym shorts, pants, steel toed boots, and gloves); maintenance and resupply of a required individual "Scott Air-Pak" Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); "Scott Air Pak" face piece; rental of the required fire facility and fire apparatus; and required consumable supplies used in the live training exercises.
- **FIRE 110 (Physical Fitness for Firefighters):** CWI tuition fees for 1 credit **and** a SCF of $250 for the gym facility.
- **Elective Course:** CWI tuition fees for 3 credits/book(s) **or** transfer of some college credits might be acceptable.
- The Fire Service Technology – BTC is currently eligible for Title IV funding for students to receive Federal Financial Aid.

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Program Application Process:

- ☐ **Computer Based Exam/NTN Application:** Proctored by the National Testing Network (NTN) and obtain the minimum passing score set by CWI. The cost is $50 paid by you directly to NTN. More information on the NTN testing process can be found at https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/testing-process.cfm and on taking the NTN test can be found at https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/ntn-test-firefighter.cfm
- ☐ **Interview by CWI Staff:** If you pass the NTN test, you are contacted and a Program Interview Sheet is completed.
- ☐ **Candidate Physical Abilities Test (CPAT):** Passing the CPAT is **NOT** required or given prior to start the CWI FST BTC program. Passing the CPAT at the end of the CWI FST BTC program is required. This is why you are required to take FIRE 110 (Physical Fitness for Firefighters) so you can be properly trained by subject matter experts that are active firefighters. In order to familiarize yourself with what the CPAT requirements, you are required to visit the webpage https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/cpat_info.cfm and review the following three (3) links found on the left side of the website under "CPAT Reference Material":
  - CPAT Candidate Instruction Video
  - CPAT Orientation Guide
  - Candidate Preparation Guide
- ☐ **Pre-Application Paperwork:** Apply to the FST BTC program and CWI. General information, requirement list, and other documents will be provided to you after the telephone interview.
- ☐ **Paperwork:** Turn in your completed pre-application paperwork and a copy of your Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT or Paramedic certification to CWI. CWI will review this paperwork and contact you.
- ☐ **Criminal Background Check**
- ☐ **Oral Board Mock Session:** {This is optional and highly recommended} Observation of a mock Oral Board given by the CWI FST Advisory Committee members which is made up of the Treasure Valley's 1st Responders (Senior Managers from the Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS departments).
- ☐ **Oral Board Interview:** Completed at a date, time and place determined by CWI.
- ☐ **Medical/Vision Fitness Exam:** This form will be provided to you with your full packet should you pass the Oral Board Interview and the exams are paid for by you. Must pass the NFPA 1582 requirements with an approved Medical Professional.
- ☐ **Paperwork:** Turn in your completed Medical/Vision/Hearing Exam forms to CWI.
- ☐ **Department Chair Approval:** A letter will be sent to the applicant upon review of the above materials and a determination will be stated in a letter of your status in the CWI Fire Service Technology BTC program.
- ☐ **CWI Fire Service Technology BTC Mandatory New Student Orientation and meet with the CWI Student Success Advisor (SSA) for Public Safety Programs:** July 5, 2022 at a time/location to be determined later. Make sure you have paid all your fees and the Special Course Fees (SCF) for FIRE 101 and FIRE 110.
- ☐ **Register for your CWI classes:** Meet for a second time with your SSA. **CWI New Student Orientation:** Attendance at a date, time and place determined by the student using the CWI published schedule for all students attending CWI.

Important Information:

- ☐ **Start Classes, Training and Live Practical Exercises:** Arrive on Monday, August 22, 2022 at the Nampa Fire Department Training Center at 300 W. Railroad Street, Nampa, Idaho 83687 and at the gym location in Nampa.
- ☐ **Obtaining Your BTC:** Be prepared to pass all written and practical skills examinations administered by CWI, the State, and any appropriate Certification Accreditation Entity (e.g., IFSAC, FST, CPAT) and pay the required fees.

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