**Fire Protection Technology (FIRE)**

**IS A CAREER IN FIRE PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY FOR ME?**

- Learn more about this career
- Program Information
- Program Planning Guide
- Estimated Cost of Program

Firefighters work in a variety of settings, including metropolitan areas, rural areas, airports, chemical plants and other industrial sites. They also have assumed a range of responsibilities, including providing emergency medical services. In fact, most calls to which firefighters respond involve medical emergencies. In addition, some firefighters work in hazardous materials units that are specially trained for the control, prevention, and cleanup of hazardous materials, such as oil spills or accidents involving the transport of chemicals.

Skagit Valley College’s Fire Protection Technology (FIRE) program trains students to become entry-level career firefighters for private, municipal, industrial, state and federal fire departments.

**PREPARATION**

- GED
- ESL
- Pre-College (Adult Basic Ed.)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact the Fire Protection Technology Program

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**PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL MICRO-CERTIFICATES**

- Basic Firefighter (15 credits)
- Basic Emergency Medical Technician (10 credits)
- Hazardous Materials First Responder (5 credits)

**PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE DEGREES**

**Associate of Technical Arts (ATA) in Fire Protection Technology** (96 credits)

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES***

*Wage data based on most local wage information available at careerinfonet.org

- **Firefighter** ($10.59 - $38.05)
- **Emergency Medical Technician & Paramedic** ($11.11 - $43.64)
- **First-Line Supervisor of Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers** ($29.17 - $54.46)
- **Police, Fire and Ambulance Dispatchers** ($17.93 - $32.07)
- **Fire Inspector** ($25.46 - $52.43)
- **Emergency Management Specialist** ($23.29 - $54.32)
- **Forest Fire Inspector/Prevention Specialists** ($9.89 - $34.72)
- **Hazardous Material Removal Workers** ($15.73 - $35.68)
- **Security and Fire Alarm Installers** ($15.67 - $30.20)

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**STARTING CONSIDERATIONS**

Students may enter the program only at the beginning of Fall Quarter. Enrollment is limited to 40 students each Fall, based on a first-come, first-served wait list.

- Admissions: Getting Started
- Admissions Form
- Placement Assessment

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