

FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 30-503-2

Total Credits: 8

The Fire Service Certification program teaches the entry-level fire behavior and techniques needed to control structural and related fire emergencies as well as life safety practices. You will gain knowledge and skills in the areas of fire suppression, victim rescue, salvage, and overhaul. You will also be exposed to realistic simulations—inside and outside the classroom—and train on Mid-State's state-of-the-art burn tower, fire engines, and other high-tech equipment. Developed in partnership with local fire departments, this program ensures you have a competitive edge when starting your career.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Mid-State's Financial Aid team is available to assist with your FAFSA application and to answer your financial aid questions. Contact Financial Aid or schedule an appointment at mstc.edu/financial-aid.
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

mstc.edu • 888-575-6782 • TTY: 711



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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Fire Service Certification (8 Credits)
Start Your Career: Firefighter, Firefighter/EMT, Firefighter/Paramedic

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Related Programs: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Services Management, Jail Officer Academy, Paramedic, Paramedic Technician

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Fire Service Certification graduate, to be able to:

- Demonstrate professional conduct.
- Perform fire prevention activities.
- Apply incident management and mitigation skills to emergency incidents.
- Meet professional fire and EMS credentialing standards.
- Communicate clearly and effectively.
- Apply critical thinking skills to both emergency and non-emergency situations.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the TSA is being assessed in the program.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function in fire service certification is available at mstc.edu/programs/fire-service-certification. Contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

Students must receive a grade of “C” or better in each of the technical and general education courses in order to qualify for graduation.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State’s student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State’s Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum placement scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

10831104

3 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

10834109

3 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

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Term	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
4 Credits	30503101	Basic Firefighting and Hazmat Ops	No	4

Term	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
4 Credits	30503102	Advanced Firefighting	No	2
	30503103	Firefighter Safety and Survival	No	2

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

Advanced Firefighting

30503102

2 credits

Explores advanced firefighting skills, focusing on communications, investigations, and other advanced firefighting techniques. Fulfills the job performance requirements for Wisconsin Firefighter 2 certification eligibility.

Prerequisite: Basic Firefighting and Hazmat Ops 30503101

Basic Firefighting and Hazmat Ops

30503101

4 credits

Describes basic fire behavior, techniques used to control structural and related fire emergencies, and life safety practices. Examines characteristics relating to hazardous materials, including problems of recognition and mitigation. Learners perform all practical evolutions necessary to control and extinguish fires and otherwise meet all requirements for Firefighter I certification in the State of Wisconsin.

Prerequisite: Admission to Fire Service Certification 305035

Firefighter Safety and Survival

30503103

2 credits

Explores the concepts of firefighter safety and survival techniques on the active fireground. Practical evolutions focus on rescue techniques for self and others, as well as the function of the rapid intervention team.

Prerequisite: Basic Firefighting and Hazmat Ops 30503101