

FIRE SCIENCE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
Between  
PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FLORIDA  
and  
FLORIDA STATE FIRE COLLEGE,

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Palm Beach Community College, Florida, (hereafter PBCC) and the Florida State Fire College (hereafter Fire College). This agreement provides fire fighters who have successfully completed FFP designated advanced fire fighting courses taught by the Florida State Fire College credit for those courses at Palm Beach Community College under the AS degree in Fire Science.

**Fire College hereby agrees to the following:**

1. The Fire College will make available to PBCC on a yearly basis, a list of all fire science courses offered. The list will include the number and title of each course as well as a course description.
2. A representative from the Fire College will meet on an as needed basis with the PBCC Fire Science Coordinator to confirm comparability between the Fire College courses and courses listed in the Statewide Course Numbering System as fire science courses in the Community College System. Fire College courses accepted under this articulation agreement must be comparable to Florida Community College System courses.
3. Instructors for the FFP designated advanced firefighting courses at the Fire College must possess at least an Associate in Science degree and an instructor's certificate commensurate to their experience and educational level. They must also possess a working knowledge of experience in the field they teach.
4. Only advanced firefighting courses taught by the Fire College are covered by this agreement.
5. Students completing advanced firefighting courses taught by the Fire College are required to attend class for 48 hours (8 hours of which may be offered as an off-site project), which will be considered equivalent to a three (3) credit class at a community college. Students are not allowed any absences unless the work is completed to the instructor's satisfaction. Students are required to complete work on their own after class, including at least one written assignment per course.
6. Students are required to receive a passing score and grade on a final exam given at the Fire College at the conclusion of each advanced firefighting class in order to receive a certificate of completion. At the request of a student desiring college credit for a completed course, the Fire College will transmit an official transcript indicating the title and number of the class completed, along with the final grade received by student, to Palm Beach Community College.

7. Students enrolled in advanced firefighting courses at the Fire College in Ocala will receive written information from the Fire College about this agreement, including information that lists the courses offered by the Fire College that may apply toward an AS degree with Florida Community Colleges. PBCC will be designated as a prospective recipient college.

**Palm Beach Community College hereby agrees to the following:**

1. PBCC agrees to award credit toward the AS degree in Fire Science for those courses meeting the requirements outlined above, subject to final acceptance by the PBCC Fire Science Coordinator. The PBCC Fire Science Coordinator will create and maintain a crosswalk equivalency table of the Fire College courses and PBCC courses to ensure consistent transfer of coursework.
2. Students receiving credit for instruction completed at the Fire College will earn the same amount of credit as a PBCC student receives for completion of the course at PBCC. Approved advanced firefighting classes will be considered equivalent to a three (3) credit class. Courses will be placed on the student's record under the heading "FSFC – Florida State Fire College" with a grade of "S" and become part of his/her permanent academic transcript.
3. Prior to the awarding of credit by PBCC, student must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Make application for admission to PBCC.
  - b. Have all transcripts on file.
  - c. Complete all placement testing.
  - d. If applicable, have a copy of current occupational license or other documentation on file.
  - e. Complete 15 credit hours of coursework applicable to the Associate in Science Fire Science Technology degree.
4. PBCC will accept courses completed through the Fire College within three years of completion at the Fire College, as long as the course(s) met the current established criteria for approved courses at the time the courses were completed. Courses older than three years will be evaluated by the Credit by Exam process. A \$50 fee will be assessed for each exam.
5. The PBCC Fire Science Coordinator will meet at least annually with a Fire College representative to confirm comparability between Fire College courses and courses listed in the Statewide Course Numbering System as Fire Science courses in the Florida Community College System.
6. PBCC will provide the Fire College, on a regular basis, a listing of courses offered by the Fire College that may apply to the AS Degree in Fire Science.
7. PBCC will not reimburse the Florida State Fire College for any expenses since the Fire College is fully funded under state law for cost of instruction.

## Crosswalk of PBCC with FSFC Courses

This crosswalk will be verified and updated annually.

Up to 36 credit hours will be accepted towards the A.S. Degree in Fire Science

PBCC Courses	FSFC Courses
FFP 1301 Fire Hydraulics	FFP 1301 Fire Service Hydraulics
FFP 1302 Fire Apparatus & Equipment	FFP 1302 Fire Apparatus Operations
FFP 1505 Fire Prevention	FFP 1505 Fire Prevention Practices
FFP 1540 Private Fire Protection Systems	FFP 1540 Private Fire Protection Systems I
FFP 1824 Basic Incident Management System I-200	FSFC 507 I-200 Basic Incident Management
FFP 1825 Intermediate Incident Management System I-300	FSFC 522 I-300 Intermediate Incident Management
FFP 1832 Emergency Response to Terrorism	FSFC 801 NFA Emergency Response to Terrorism Basic Concepts
FFP 2111 Fire Chemistry	FFP 2111 Fire Chemistry
FFP 2120 Building Construction Fire Protection	FFP 2120 Fire Service Building Construction
FFP 2401 Hazardous Materials for Emergency Operations	FSFC 508 Hazardous Materials Technician
FFP 2402 Hazardous Materials for Emergency Operations II	FSFC 508 Hazardous Materials Technician
FFP 2423 Hazardous Materials for Emergency Operations III	FSFC 508 Hazardous Materials Technician
FFP 2510 Related Codes & Standards	FFP 1510 Codes and Standards
FFP 2521 Blueprint Reading and Plan Examination	FFP 2521 Construction Documents and Plans Review
FFP 2541 Private Fire Protection Systems II	FFP 2541 Private Fire Protection Systems II
FFP 2604 Fire Investigation & Arson Detection	FSFC 407 Arson Investigation
FFP 2606 Post Blast Investigations	FSFC 406 Post Blast Investigations
FFP 2610 Fire Investigation: Cause & Origin	FFP 2610 Fire Investigation: Origin and Cause
FFP 2630 Latent Investigation	FFP 2630 Latent Investigations
FFP 2670 Legal Issues for Investigators	FFP 2670 Legal Issues for Investigators
FFP 2706 Public Information Officer	FFP 2706 Public Information Officer
FFP 2720 Company Officer and Leadership	FFP 2720 Company Officer
FFP 2740 Fire Service Course Delivery	FFP 1740 Fire Service Course Delivery
FFP 2741 Fire Service Course Design	FFP 2741 Fire Service Course Design
FFP 2770 Legal & Ethical Issues for the Fire Service	FFP 2770 Ethical and Legal Issues for the Fire Service
FFP 2780 Fire Service Administration	FFP 2780 Fire Department Administration
FFP 2810 Firefighting Strategy and Tactics I	FFP 1810 Tactics and Strategy I
FFP 2811 Firefighting Strategy and Tactics II	FFP 2811 Tactics and Strategy II

Agreement by both PBCC and the Fire College:

1. This agreement will become effective immediately upon acceptance and signature by the Fire College and Palm Beach Community College. This agreement shall continue until such time as either the Fire College or Palm Beach Community College discontinue or revise the components. This agreement is subject to change in writing by the Fire College and Palm Beach Community College.
2. This Agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
3. Both parties will provide a certificate of insurance designating each party as a certificate holder.

**APPROVALS:**

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President, Palm Beach Community College  
Dennis P. Gallon, Ph.D.

Date: 11/29/07

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Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Sharon A. Sass, Ph.D.

Date: November 28, 2007

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Florida State Fire College

Date: 12/11/07