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BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING (MINIMUM STANDARDS) APPLICATION

SUMMER TERM NIGHT PROGRAM

DEADLINE: December 1, 2009

An Equal Opportunity Institution



PBCC at LAKE WORTH
4200 Congress Avenue
Lake Worth, FL 33461-4796

Fire Academy Office (561) 868-3900
Limited Access Program Office (561) 868-3045

Web Site: www.pbcc.edu/fire.xml

Program Information

PROGRAM BEGINS: January 4, 2010

COURSE NUMBER: FFP0021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Basic Firefighter Program prepares students for the safe, dependable and prompt performance of duties in the fire station as well as in the community. It includes orientation to the fire service, instruction in fire alarms, vehicles, apparatus and equipment, and first responder emergency medical techniques. Those students who successfully complete the course may participate in the State of Florida certification examination. Certification is required in the State of Florida for employment as a firefighter.

Special admission requirements are associated with this program.

PROGRAM LENGTH:

450 clock hours, approximately 6 months for the NIGHT course and 30 additional hours for testing.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

NIGHT Hours: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM two to four nights weekly, and Saturdays 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The schedule will be explained at the orientation session

PROGRAM LOCATION:

PBCC Fire Academy
PBCC Lake Worth Campus
North East corner of the campus in Room #SCA 139 [Directions](#)

PROGRAM COSTS: These costs are approximate and subject to change.

	<u>Instate</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>
Tuition	\$ 1080.00	\$ 4,254.50
Books	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 685.55	\$ 685.55
Fees	\$ 370.70	\$ 370.70
Medical Ins:	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.80
Total	\$2,329.05	\$ 5,503.55

NIGHT PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

Requirements for Consideration for Selection

ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ON FILE AT THE PBCC ADMISSIONS OFFICE, LAKE WORTH, BY THE DEADLINE DATE.

The following criteria determine eligibility for placement in the selection pool. Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Basic Firefighter Training Program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. If a student is selected and does not enter the program or is not selected, he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process. **Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.pbcc.edu/pantherweb.xml under Limited Access Application Status and all communication will be sent to your my.pbcc.edu e-mail account including all acceptance documentation.**

These criteria supersede any other information.

1. **APPLICATION**

First-time PBCC Students: Submit a completed PBCC general credit application at www.FACTS.org (choose Admissions) and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is \$20 for U.S. citizens, \$30 (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested; be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted, a confirmation page with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. Applicants must also submit the program application contained in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

Non first-time PBCC Students: Must complete the program application in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

2. **EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER VERIFICATION FORM**

The applicant must complete and submit the Employment/Volunteer Verification Form with Application regardless of employment status (form attached).

3. **PROOF OF AGE**

All students must be at least 18 years of age on or before the start of the program.

4. **ACADEMIC RECORDS**

HIGH SCHOOL

Transcripts must be official transcripts sent (transcripts are considered official if sent directly by mail or hand delivered in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing institution) to the **PBCC Admissions Office** showing proof of a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent. All applicants – new, current, and college transfer students - must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at PBCC. You may download the transcript request form from our website at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x3997.xml>. Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x3997.xml>.

COLLEGE

Official college transcripts (transcripts are considered official if sent directly to PBCC from previous institution or hand delivered in a sealed envelope that is sealed by the issuing institution) from **ALL** post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted. You may download the transcript request form from our website at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x3997.xml>. All post-secondary records from out of country must be submitted with a commercial evaluation. If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent.

5. **NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SELECTION INVENTORY - TEST**

All applicants must take the National Firefighter Selection Inventory – Test. You must score 70% or higher in order to be eligible to enter the program. Your scores are valid for two years. Additional Information about this test and study guides can be found at www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com. The PBCC Lake Worth book store will have the study guide in stock. The Student Learning Center (SLC) at the PBCC Lake Worth location provides Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) for students who need additional skills to pass the NFSI test. For more information, please call 561/868-3795.

Students with an Associate in Applied Science or higher; students who have taken and successfully completed the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST); or students who have already met the minimum cut scores for placing in college level work, within the past two years, on the FCELP, SAT1 or ACT-E, are exempt from the exam. Documentation required.

The NFSI - Test is offered at the Lake Worth PBCC Testing Center only. There is a \$25.00 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam.

6. **CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT)**

Applicants must register for the CPAT on line at www.pbcc.edu or at any PBCC location and successfully complete it prior to consideration for placement into the selection pool. CPAT scores are valid for one year prior to the application deadline. There is a \$75.00 fee for this test. CPAT information can be found at <http://www.pbcc.edu/fire.xml>. A valid CPAT Certificate will be acceptable from other providers and must be submitted prior to program deadline.

7. **T.A.B.E. (TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION)***

All enrolled students that need to take the NFSI - Test must take and pass the TABE Full Battery Level (A) with a score of 10th grade level or higher in reading, language and math to be eligible to graduate. There is a \$15 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam.

*** All applicants who have successfully completed the TABE after June 29, 2007 are exempt from taking the TABE for graduation.**

8. **PREREQUISITES:**

Must be certified as a "First Responder," "EMT," or "Paramedic."

SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

Palm Beach Community College is accepting registrations for the Candidate Physical Ability Test (C.P.A.T.) that is scheduled to start October 6, 2009. Please refer to the start times and reference numbers below.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a six-hour, three-day testing process (Orientation and practice the first day, practice the second day, and test the third day). Anyone who does not attend orientation will not be allowed to test.

SPECIAL NOTE: These may be the last CPAT's prior to the registration deadline for the January 2010 day and night recruit classes.

Please Note the Times Shown Below!!!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 6, 2009

DATE: Oct. 6, 2009 (Orientation), Oct. 12, 2009 (Practice/Test), and Oct. 15, 2009 (Practice/Test)

START TIMES:	8:00AM Ref# (132908)	10:00AM Ref# (132909)
	1:00PM Ref# (132910)	3:00 PM Ref# (132911)

DATE: Oct. 7, 2009 (Orientation), Oct.13, 2009 (Practice/Test), and Oct. 16, 2009 (Practice/Test)

START TIMES:	8:00AM Ref# (132912)	10:00AM Ref# (132913)
	1:00PM Ref# (132914)	3:00 PM Ref# (132915)

REGISTRATION:

There is a \$75.00 fee for this test.

You may register:

- In person - at any PBCC location – Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Lake Worth, Palm Beach Gardens
- By Web on Panther Web - <http://www.pbcc.edu/x5687.xml>

C.P.A.T. TEST LOCATION: [Directions](#)

PBCC Fire Academy
PBCC Lake Worth Campus
North East corner of the campus in Room #SCA 140

IN ORDER TO TEST, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Attend all three days (Orientation, Practice and Test) at your scheduled date and time.**
- Bring a valid photo ID both days (Driver license, passport, etc.).
- **Wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, and tee shirts - NO SHORTS!**
- Bring a copy of your class schedule and paid receipt.
- Be at the Fire Academy for orientation at least **15 minutes PRIOR** to your scheduled start time.
- **ANYONE ARRIVING LATE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE OR TEST. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

**** You may test any time after Orientation; however you must declare your intent to test, and you will only get one attempt during this 3-day cycle!!!**

Applicant Point System for Selection

Only one point value from each of the 4 categories will be awarded with the exception of category 3. Documentation must be provided. After all eligibility requirements for placement into the selection pool have been satisfied, the following point system will be utilized for selection into the program. All documentation must be on file at the PBCC Admissions Office, Lake Worth, by the deadline date.

I.	<u>RESIDENCY STATUS (Maximum Points-2)</u>	
	Palm Beach County Resident	2
	Florida Resident	1
II.	<u>VERIFIED EMERGENCY SERVICES WORK (Maximum Points-2)</u>	
	Must submit a completed (signed by employer) Employment/Volunteer Verification Form to receive points.	
	Full-time Emergency Services Current Work Experience.....	2
	Part-time Emergency Services Current Work Experience.....	1
	Volunteer Emergency Services Current Work Experience or “Fire Explorer”	1
	“Firestorm” Graduate.....	1/2
III.	<u>PBCC EDUCATIONAL POINTS (Maximum Points-2)</u>	
	State Certification and Certificate of Completion from PBCC’s EMT Program	1
	State Certification and Certificate of Completion from PBCC’s Paramedic Program.....	1
IV.	<u>NEED TO MEET REQUIREMENT OF FLORIDA STATUTE #633.35</u> <u>Automatic Entry</u>	
	Any individual who is employed by a private or public agency as a Firefighter II must obtain a certificate of compliance as a Firefighter II within one year of initial employment.	
	All applicants must meet the “Requirements for consideration for Selection” on page 2	
	MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE	6

ACCEPTANCE: Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately two weeks after the application deadline date. The acceptance notice will include registration information. If a student is selected and does not enter the program or is not selected, he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

FINANCIAL AID:

At this point the program is *not* eligible for federal aid programs; however, there are scholarships available through the PBCC Foundation. Currently, all Foundation Scholarships for firefighters require the FAFSA, which may be filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Toll-free “help line” 8:00-midnight 1-800-433-3243. To apply for a PBCC Foundation scholarship go online to: <https://pbcc.scholarships.nelnet.net/>. If you have any scholarship questions, please call 561-868-3573.

*** [Scholarships Available](#) ***

See page 5 for MVR and criminal background check requirement.

See page 7 for the Employment/Volunteer Verification Form

Curriculum Outline

ITEM	SUBJECT	LECTURE HOURS	DRILL HOURS
I	Orientation Apparatus & Equipment	6	4
II	Pre Hospital Care	24	
III	Fire Behavior	8	
IV	Portable Fire Extinguishers	3	10
V	Personal Protective Equipment	6	8
VI	Ropes & Knots	2	8
VII	Rescue & Extrication	8	20
VIII	Forcible Entry	4	6
IX	Ventilation	4	6
X	Ladders	4	16
XI	Water Supply	2	
XII	Fire Streams	10	8
XIII	Hose	6	36
XIV	Fire Control	10	24
XV	Automatic Sprinkler Systems	4	
XVI	Salvage & Overhaul	4	6
XVII	Building Construction	4	
XVIII	Fire Cause Determination	2	
XIX	Fire Alarm & Communications	4	
XX	Fire Prevention & Public Education	8	
XXI	Firefighter Safety	4	
XXII	Hazardous Material	24	
XXIII	Live Burn		24
XXIV	Review	4	8
XXV	Testing	13 hours	
XXVI	Physical Education	8 hours	
XXVII	Local Training Needs	90 hours	

Total Hours in Program: 450

A background and MVR (driving record) check is required for those individuals selected to attend the Fire Academy.

The Background and MVR Check applications, and an Affirmation document will be sent along with letters of acceptance to the program. The fee will be borne by the applicant, and the results must be delivered to the Fire Academy Bureau Chief on or before the date of the Orientation session. If it is determined by the Bureau Chief that the applicant has not met the criteria set forth in the Affirmation document signed by the applicant and notarized, he/she will be found ineligible to partake in firefighter training.

Basic Firefighter Training Checklist To Complete Eligibility For Placement In The Selection Pool

You DO NOT have to wait until all requirements are met to submit your application, but remember that everything MUST be complete and submitted to the PBCC Admissions office by the deadline date.

	NIGHT PROGRAM
	FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION SUBMITTED
	EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FORM SUBMITTED
	AGE REQUIREMENT MET (At least 18 years of age)
	<u>OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED SENT TO PBCC. (Official transcripts are to be mailed from your High School to the PBCC Admissions Office.)</u>
	<u>OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS</u> <i>Official transcripts are to be mailed from <u>ALL</u> prior colleges.</i>
	<u>TAKE THE NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SELECTION INVENTORY – TEST</u>
	<u>CPAT TEST COMPLETED</u>, (Not older than 1 year)
	<u>FIRST RESPONDER, EMT, or PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED</u>

Employment/Volunteer Verification Form

Must be completed and submitted with Application regardless of employment status.

Name: _____ PBCS Student ID _____
Last First

1. Are you currently employed full-time by an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, for whom you are taking this training?

YES _____ (If yes, complete the following) NO _____

Employer: _____
Department Head Name & Phone Number _____

2. Are you currently employed part-time for an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, for whom you are taking this training?

YES _____ (If yes, complete the following) NO _____

Employer: _____
Department Head Name & Phone Number _____

3. Are you currently a volunteer with an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement?

YES _____ (If yes, complete the following) NO _____

Where are you a volunteer? _____
Department Head Name & Phone Number _____

4. Are you a graduate of "Firestorm" or a "Fire Explorer" member? If so, you must provide documentation.

YES _____ NO _____

5. Are you an individual who is employed by a private or public agency as a Firefighter II, and must obtain a certificate of compliance as a Firefighter II within one year of initial employment? If so, this needs to meet the requirements of FL. Statute 633.35.

YES _____ NO _____

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my rejection or dismissal by the College.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Signature of Department Head or designee & position

Date

BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING NIGHT APPLICATION

Please Type or Print Clearly

PROGRAM CODE 5043

1. **PBCC STUDENT ID** _____

2. **NAME** _____
Last First Middle Suffix

Please list all previous names under which documents may be sent _____

3. **LOCAL ADDRESS** _____
NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS CITY

COUNTY (or PROVINCE) STATE ZIP CODE

4. **HOME TELEPHONE** () _____

5. **WORK TELEPHONE** () _____
CELL TELEPHONE () _____

6. **DATE OF BIRTH** ____/____/____
Month Day Year

7. **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____ @ _____

TRANSCRIPTS—Official transcripts must be sent directly to PBCC from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to PBCC. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled.

8. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE?** Yes No **OR** **GED?** Yes No

9. **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

List all postsecondary colleges or universities you have enrolled. Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	CITY/STATE	DATES	DEGREE	CREDIT

To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.

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10. Have you taken the **National Firefighter Selection Inventory – Test. With a score of 70% or higher** Yes No Exempt

11. Have you completed and passed the **Candidate Physical Ability Test** within the past year? Yes No

12. Have you graduated from the **PBCC EMT Program** and are currently certified as a Florida EMT? Yes No
 Have you graduated from the **PBCC Paramedic Program** and are currently certified as a Florida Paramedic? Yes No
 If yes, you will need to attach a copy of your current Florida Paramedic and/or EMT license in order to receive points.

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

DATE _____

1. Have you ever had a license revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including denial of licensure by the licensing authority of another state, territory or country?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
2. Have you ever been notified to appear before any licensing authority for a hearing on a complaint of any nature, including, but not limited to, a charge or violation for unprofessional or unethical conduct?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
3. Have you ever been disciplined, terminated or dismissed, from an educational institution or program?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
4. Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of health care? (A plea of nolo contendere shall create a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the underlying criminal charges).
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
5. Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a crime, regardless of adjudication? (A plea of nolo contendere shall create a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the underlying criminal charges).
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
6. Within the last five years, have you been hospitalized for any physical or mental illness, condition, or injury?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
7. Have you ever declined to follow the recommendation or request of a physician, counselor, employer, or supervisor that you enter therapy or treatment for any mental or physical illness or condition?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
8. Have you ever been criminally or civilly charged with any intentional or negligent action related to your use or misuse of drugs, alcohol, or illegal chemical substances?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
9. Do you have any mental or physical illness or condition which affects your ability to safely perform any procedure or task within the scope of the practice of the Firefighting program?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
10. Have you ever been required by another licensing jurisdiction to enter into an impaired practitioner program?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____
11. Have you ever been accepted to or attended any other Allied Health Program?
Yes _____ No _____ If "YES", explain _____ Additionally, you must provide a letter of "Good Standing" from that program director.

I understand that a false statement in this affidavit will subject me to penalties pursuant to sec. 837.06 Florida Statutes. If any of the above statements are found to be false, the applicant may not be eligible for admission or if already in the program may be dismissed. Any required information left blank will render the application incomplete. An incomplete application will not be considered in the admission process.

The Department of Health Bureau of Radiation Control, Nursing, EMS, Respiratory Care, Massage Therapy require licensure for employment in the state of Florida. If you have answered yes to any questions on this page it may make you ineligible for licensure. To determine your eligibility for licensure it is your responsibility to contact your specific Board at the Department of Health, MQA Program 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C85, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252 <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/index.html>. Additionally, you should seek pre-qualification review with any national certifying agency to include the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists at www.arrt.org; or the National Board for Respiratory Care www.nbrcc.org

By signing below you authorize access to any and all disciplinary and legal issues by PBCC staff.

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date