



Fire Prevention Program Information Packet



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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Chemeketa Community College's Fire Protection Technology program offers comprehensive education and career training in both Fire Prevention and Fire Suppression. Designed for those entering the field as well as current professionals seeking advancement, the program provides flexible learning options and industry-recognized certifications. The Fire Prevention–Community Risk Reduction pathway includes two stackable certificates: the Basic Fire Prevention Risk Reduction Certificate, which equips students with entry-level skills and certifications to meet industry requirements, and the Intermediate Prevention Risk Reduction Certificate, which offers advanced training for current professionals or those looking to gain a competitive edge in the job market. Completion of both certificates, along with 12 additional credits of general education coursework, leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Prevention. Training takes place at Chemeketa's fully equipped fire station and facilities on the Salem Campus and the Emergency Services Regional Training Center in Brooks, Oregon. Coursework is accredited by the Oregon Board on Public Safety Standards and Training and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Classes are offered in-person, online, and in hybrid formats to support flexible learning—particularly for non-traditional students and those already working in the field. Students may also earn college credit for prior learning, including work experience, local training, and certifications, subject to review and approval by program staff.

PATHWAYS

Basic Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate

The Basic Fire Prevention–Community Risk Reduction Certificate is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the fire prevention field. This certificate provides foundational training and essential certifications that meet the minimum qualifications required to begin a career in community risk reduction and fire prevention. It is ideal for individuals looking to enter the fire service or related public safety roles and serves as the first step toward more advanced training and credentials within the Fire Protection Technology program.

Students who successfully complete the certificate will receive the following certifications from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, NFPA Fire & Life Safety Educator I, NFPA Instructor I, NFPA Inspector I, ICC Inspector I, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certifications for I-100, I-200, I-700 and I-800 all related to understanding and operating within National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)

Intermediate Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate

The Intermediate Fire Prevention–Community Risk Reduction Certificate builds on the foundational skills gained in the basic certificate and is designed for individuals who are already working in the field or seeking advanced training. This certificate provides additional education, specialized certifications, and skill development to enhance career opportunities in fire prevention and community risk reduction. It can also give new students a competitive edge in the job market by exceeding minimum qualifications and preparing them for leadership or specialized roles within the fire service.

Students who successfully complete the degree will receive the following certifications from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, NFPA Fire & Life Safety Educator II, NFPA Instructor II NFPA Inspector II, NFPA Public Information Officer, NFPA Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist, and ICC Inspector II.

Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction, AAS Degree

The Fire Prevention–Community Risk Reduction Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree is the comprehensive credential in the fire prevention pathway, combining both the Basic and Intermediate certificates with additional general education coursework. This degree is designed to prepare students for long-term career growth in fire prevention, inspection, investigation, and community risk reduction. Graduates will be equipped with advanced knowledge, practical skills, and recognized certifications, making them strong candidates for employment or promotion within fire service and public safety agencies.

Students who successfully complete the degree will receive the following certifications listed for the Basic and Intermediate Fire Prevention Certificates.

LIMITED ENROLLMENT

Fire Prevention pathways are limited enrollment programs. Selections are based on the application material and oral board interview. Selected program students would begin Fire Program classes fall term. The instructions in this packet represent the steps a student would need to take to be admitted into the Fire Prevention pathways.

WHO MAY APPLY

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Description of Requirement</u>
Minimum Age	Applicants must be at least 18 years old starting from the first day of the fall term. No exceptions will be made.
Secondary Education or GED	Applicants must have graduated from high school or obtain a GED.
Academic Preparedness	Accepted as a student at Chemeketa Community College and have received a College "K" number.
Criminal Conviction	Persons with a criminal record of crimes against people, violent crimes, or multiple convictions may be disqualified. If you have such a conviction, contact the Program Chair or the Dean of Emergency Services and Diesel Technology.
Medical Evaluations	In certain fire prevention or emergency response activities, individuals may need to wear a respirator to protect against smoke, fumes, or other hazardous airborne substances. According to OSHA regulations, anyone who is required to wear a respirator must first complete a medical evaluation to ensure they are physically able to use one safely. This evaluation must be completed before any fit testing or use of the respirator. Students participating in activities that require respirator use will need to obtain this medical evaluation on their own. Once the evaluation is complete, the college or Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) site will provide the necessary fit testing and training to ensure proper and safe use of the respirator.

CONTACT US

In-person: Chemeketa Brooks Center, Building 2, 4910 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks OR 97305
(It is best to schedule an appointment time if you would like to speak with staff in-person.)

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EO/AA/ADA/Title IX Institution

For the most up to date information regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Americans with Disabilities Act and Title IX at Chemeketa Community College visit: www.chemeketa.edu/about/legal

APPLICATION

The application is available online at: <https://forms.gle/yeV6bduApPuqtfA7>

All applicants will need their student K number to apply.

If you are not currently enrolled at Chemeketa, visit: <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/>

APPLICATION SELECTION PROCESS

- Applicants who submit accurate and complete applications by the application close date will qualify for the selection process. (*Late applications may be considered only if the program has not been filled.*)
- Interviews will be conducted with selected applicants based on their application materials. Selected applicants will receive further interview details via their my.chemeketa.edu email address.
- Students will be selected for the program based on their interview performance and application material. After the selection process is completed each month, applicants will be notified of their status—admitted to the program, placed on alternate status, or not admitted—via email or phone.
- Once the program reaches the maximum number of students for the academic year, any remaining qualified applicants will be placed on an alternate list and contacted if spots become available in the cohort.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Open Date: July 2025

Last Day to Submit Application: August 31, 2025

Fall classes begin: September 29, 2025

Interview Dates for Selected Students:

Application Submitted by:	Interview Date:
July 31, 2025	August 13, 2025
August 31, 2025 (Close Date)	September 10, 2025

COMMUNICATION

Please note that all communications in this process will be communicated through my student email (@my.chemeketa.edu).

PROGRAM ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Students who are selected for the program will receive orientation and registration information via their student email account prior to the beginning of fall term.

TRANSFER CREDITS

If you have attended another college, besides Chemeketa, you should complete a “Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit Form”. More information regarding this process is available at:

<https://www.chemeketa.edu/students/student-services/enrollment-services/transcript-evaluation/>

ESTIMATED TUITION AND FEES (Based on 2025-26 Catalog Year)

Basic Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate

<u>Term 1 - Fall</u>	Course Number	Credits	Estimated Cost
Essentials of Bluebeam	BLD101	1	196.00
Construction Materials, Systems, and Drawings	BLD158	2	392.00
Principles of Emergency Service	ES173	3	468.00
NFPA Fire & Life Safety Educator I / Instructor I	FRP168	4	624.00
Hazmat Operations	FRP175	1	156.00
Fire Prevention	FRP260	3	468.00

Term 2 - Winter

Fire Behavior and Combustion	FRP159	3	468.00
Fire Protection Systems & Extinguishers	FRP171	3	468.00
Fire Protection Hydraulics, Water Supply and Access	FRP181	3	468.00
Building Construction for Fire Protection	FRP266	3	468.00
Wildland Urban Interface Risk Reduction	FRP279	3	468.00

Term 3 - Spring

Principles of Fire & Emergency Services	FRP156	3	468.00
Fire Investigation I	FRP176	4	624.00
NFPA Fire Inspector I	FRP185	4	624.00
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	FRP280B	2	312.00

Term 4 - Summer *Degree Students*

Intro to Intercultural Communications	COMM115	4	642.00
Elementary Algebra	MTH070+	4	584.00
Psychology of Human Relations	PSY101+	4	647.00

Intermediate Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate

Term 5 - Fall

Fire Protection for Buildings	BLD260	4	784.00
Law for Emergency Services	FRP173	3	468.00
NFPA Fire & Life Safety Educator II and Instructor II	FRP268	4	624.00
Academic Composition+ or higher	WR121Z	4	590.00

Term 6 - Winter

Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention	FRP282	3	468.00
Public Information for the Fire Service	FRP284	3	468.00
NFPA Fire Inspector II	FRP285	4	624.00
Computing Concepts	CIS101	3	570.00

Term 7 - Spring

International Fire Codes for Building Departments	BLD273	3	588.00
Fire Investigation II	FRP276	4	468.00
Cooperative Work Experience (CWE)	FRP280B	2	312.00
Technical Writing	WR227Z	4	633.00

Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction, AAS combines both the Basic and Intermediate certificates with additional general education coursework.

Total estimated cost of tuition and fees for:

Basic Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate: \$6,672.00

Intermediate Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction Certificate: \$6,597.00

Fire Prevention-Community Risk Reduction, AAS: \$15,142.00

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Pricing listed are only estimates. For further information regarding these costs, contact fire program staff.

Application Fee	\$40.00
Books	\$1500.00 - \$2200.00
Medical Examination	Cost varies based on insurance coverage and exams ordered.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COSTS

Students selected for the Fire Prevention Program should anticipate a range of costs, approximately \$700–\$1,000, for required uniforms and personal protective equipment (PPE). Specific requirements and purchasing details will be provided during the Fire Prevention Program Orientation.