



# FIRE SCIENCE

PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CAREER PATHWAY



## MOVE UP THE LADDER WITH A DEGREE IN THIS HOT FIELD.

Tidewater Community College's fire science program opens doors to employment for career firefighters and other fire safety professionals who want to enhance their job skills.

While most students are firefighters seeking to advance to the officer ranks, the program is also open to aspiring firefighters planning to apply to the fire academy.

A student cannot become a firefighter by completing the TCC program, but the course work is still essential in today's competitive environment with specific training on topics including hazardous materials, fire prevention, and legal aspects of fire service.

## PROGRAMS

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN FIRE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

*Complete in as few as 4 semesters / 64 credits / 100% online*

The two-year associate degree in fire science technology includes a general principles class in addition to classes in building construction, fire investigation, hazardous materials, occupational safety and health, and fire dynamics. Earning the associate degree makes a student seeking entry into a fire academy an attractive candidate.

### CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN FIRE SCIENCE SUPERVISION

*Complete in as few as 2 semesters / 24 credits / 100% online*

If you're already a state-certified firefighter, consider advancing your career with this certificate, designed for students interested in management and administration in the fire protection field.



## TCC FAST FACT

**Receive credit for military training, national or state fire certification.**

## POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

- Firefighter
- Fire inspector
- Fire protection system designer
- Safety professional
- Transfer to a four-year institution

## IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

Yes, if you:

- are physically fit
- have a clean driving record
- embrace teamwork

## PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

- Virginia Beach
- Online

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