About the College

The College
Chaffey College, one of the first colleges to be established in California, is a two-year public community college situated in an area of natural and tranquil beauty in Southern California. The campus occupies 200 acres of rolling lawns and native foliage in the foothills of the majestic San Gabriel Mountains. Founded in 1883 as a private college, Chaffey has been a publicly funded college since 1916.

Curricula
Chaffey College offers two year associate in art or science degrees in academic or vocational fields, one-year certificates of achievement, and transfer programs that meet the lower-division requirements for a baccalaureate degree to be obtained at a four-year college or university. The college operates on the semester system, which consists of fall, spring, and summer terms.

Chaffey courses are offered at the main campus in Rancho Cucamonga and off-campus centers in Chino, Fontana, Ontario, and the new Chino Information Technology Center.

District
The college district serves a population of 600,000 in the west end of the vibrant Inland Empire of San Bernardino County, including the communities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.
About The Program

The Fire Technology program offers an Associate Degree/Certificate for students who wish to further their occupational and educational goals. It offers the opportunity to fulfill general education requirements and educational requirements, transfer electives, and career goals.

- Prepares interested students for careers in public or private fire service
- Provides existing fire service personnel with continuing in-service training in skills applicable to their present position
- Provides existing fire service personnel with upgraded skills needed for promotional opportunities
- Provides for college transfer students pursuing a higher education degree in Fire Protection Administration and Technology.

Career Opportunities

With training and education as a firefighter, you can work in the following fields of employment:

- Firefighter
- Paramedic
- Fire Inspector
- Hazardous Material Specialist
- Arson Investigator
- Public Information Officer
- Community Service Representative

How to Prepare for a Career

The basis for firefighting as a career begins with education and training. Below is a list of necessary steps one must accomplish to begin their career as a firefighter.

Education

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Plus two courses from the following:

| Firetec 7 Strategies and Tactics     | 3     |
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| Firetec 402 ICS-200                  | 1     |
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| Firetec 405 Hazardous Materials 1st Responder | 1     |

Training

- Complete a Regional Fire Academy
- Obtain EMT Certificate
- Obtain CPR Certificate

Physical Fitness

Enter into fitness training program or keep your self physically fit. Most job opportunities will require a Candidates Physical Ability Test (CPAT) OR Biddle test for potential new firefighters. This will include a hose drag, ladder raise, obstacle course, etc.

Community Involvement

Participation in various types of community programs does establish a record of interest and motivation.

Volunteer Fire Service Work:

- Cadet/Explorer Program
- Auxiliary/Reserve Programs
- Office of Emergency Services
- California Conservation Corps

There are several ways to prepare for a career in the fire service. Current employment as a paramedic, nurse, medical assistant, or in any direct service capacity in an emergency environment is helpful.

Contact Us

For more information about the Chaffey College Fire Technology Program, call the Business and Applied Office at (909) 477-8616 or visit us on the web at www.chaffey.edu.