



Wolfforth Basic Structural Fire Academy

Overview

The Basic Fire Academy is designed for individuals interested in pursuing a career as a certified firefighter. The Wolfforth Fire Academy is governed by the non-profit organization Lubbock Fire Educators, Inc. The curriculum includes a combination of class lectures, skills, and field training. This program is approved by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

The instruction and competencies for the following courses are integrated into the sequence provided in the curriculum for the Basic Structural Firefighter. This training curriculum exceeds minimum hour requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Upon completion of the Wolfforth Fire Academy participants will have obtained 640 contact hours. The Wolfforth Fire Academy is college credit eligible in the equivalent of 25 credit hours.

Upon successful completion of the academy, students will be eligible to take a written exam and skills evaluation administered by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. All course work must be complete, and the certificate of completion issued before applying for the state examination. All coursework is approved by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Program Admissions Requirements

Students who wish to enter the Wolfforth Fire Academy must make an application to the academy and complete the following requirements:

1. **Take Entrance Written Exam.** Contact the fire academy coordinator before the test date for instructions about testing, including times, dates, and procedures.

Applicants must make a passing score of 70% or better on the written exam. After successfully completing the written exam, the candidate will complete the Wolfforth Fire Academy medical physical exam.

2. **Pass a Medical Physical.** Once you have passed the Wolfforth Fire Academy entrance exam, you will receive two documents: a copy of NFPA 1582 Medical Physical Requirements document, and a Physical Examination Form that the licensed health care provider of your choice must complete. Note that the physical examination is completed at **the student's expense**.
3. **Acceptance / Communication.** Once the WFA Coordinator has received your Physical Exam Form, the applicant must attend orientation and pay a \$500 deposit to secure admittance into the academy.

Mandatory Minimum REQUIREMENTS by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP)

- You must be at least 18 years of age before applying for TCFP certification.
- You must successfully complete the Wolfforth Fire Academy and achieve a passing score on TCFP written and performance examinations before applying for TCFP certification.
- In addition to successfully completing the Wolfforth Fire Academy, you must also successfully complete a TCFP-recognized emergency medical training program, such as EMT-Basic, before applying for TCFP certification.

Note: EMT-Basic is NOT part of the Wolfforth Fire Academy and is a separate course with a different application process.

- You must apply for TCFP certification within two years of graduating from the Wolfforth Fire Academy.
- The TCFP will review your fingerprint-based criminal history record when you apply for certification after graduation. (See Texas Administrative Code Title 37, Part 13, Chapter 403, Criminal Convictions and Eligibility for Certification, for more information.)
- Note that some fire departments have criminal history guidelines that are more strict than the TCFP certification guidelines. Contact each fire department directly if you have questions about your employability related to your specific criminal history.

Important Additional Information

Many fire departments medically evaluate their applicants according to the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments. It is YOUR responsibility to review NFPA 1582 and speak to your medical provider to ensure you do not have an identified pre-existing medical condition that affects your employability. You are encouraged to contact each fire department directly to obtain their specific medical guidelines for job applicants.

The program coordinator will notify all applicants as to their admittance to the academy. A student who fails to meet the standards outlined in the applicant's Wolfforth Fire Academy Rules and Regulations will be refused admission to the academy.

Your Program Coordinator is Dustin Brown who can be reached at 806.632.5337.

A breakdown of the curriculum for Basic Structural Firefighter I and II as well as Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations can be found in the following links or by visiting:

<https://www.tcfp.texas.gov/services/manuals/curriculum-manual>

[Certification Curriculum Manual Chapter 1](#)

[Certification Curriculum Manual Chapter 6](#)



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