

Certificate: Wildland Firefighter Academy 24-25



ABOUT THIS -The Wildland Firefighter Academy

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mentally and physically. The academy cadre utilize real world physical training as well as classroom instruction to achieve certification through the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and specialized training through many of our Subject Matter Experts (SME). Certificates and training that will be received during the academy are (but not limited to): For more information, visit the [Health and Safety Sciences](#) division.

TO EARN A Certificate A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major & Program Electives Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A C or better in all courses required for the major

Residency: Minimum of 12 units completed at AVC with a minimum of 9 of those units completed from the certificate/major. (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units) Title 5, Section 54000: <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>.

Certificate- Wildland Fire Academy [Total Units 35.5]

Required Courses (36 units)	
FTEC 285 NWCG WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY	11
FTW 122 WILDLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION	3
FTW 123 WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS	3
FTW 222 WILDLAND FIRE BEHAVIOR	3
FTW 223 WILDLAND ENGINE FIREFIGHTER	4
FTW 121 WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER	4
FTW 224 *WILDLAND FIRE CONTROL	3
FTW 221 *WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL	3
FTW 124 *WILDFIRE CHAIN SAWS	1.5

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY Certificate- Wildland Fire Academy
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- Take classes in Summer or Intersession if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner
- Fall/Spring: Max 19 units, 12-15 units Recommended.
- This is a certificate only program, currently no associated degree offered.

SUMMER TERM	
Course	Units
FTEC 285	11
Total Units	11

FALL TERM	
Course	Units
FTW 122	3
FTW 123	3
FTW 222	3
FTW 223	4
Total Units	13

SPRING TERM	
Course	Units
FTW 121	4
FTW 224	3
FTW 221	3
FTW 124	1.5
Total Units	11.5

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION		
FTW Contact: lori.gilroy@avc.edu		
<p>Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)</p>		
AVC 24-25 CATALOG: ACADEMIC POLICIES		
INFORMATION and RESOURCES		
Tutoring Assistance	Career Center	AVC Student Health Services
Transfer Center	Office of Students with Disabilities	Palmdale Center
Basic Needs	Financial Aid	Counseling Division

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How do I get into the academy?

Wildland Firefighter Academy Dates: May 13, 2024 - June 21, 2024

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To be a candidate, you must be a high school graduate or have a GED, and you must be 18 years old before May 30, 2024. Attend one of the Wildland Firefighter Academy information/orientation session, and complete an application and medical examination.

Mandatory Informational Meeting- Wildland Fire Academy 19

You must attend at least 1 of the sessions

New schedule: Spring semester 2025 - Monday / Wednesday 9-hour days

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Basic Wildland Fire Orientation (S-110)

Basic Wildland Fire Training (S-130)

Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (L-180)

Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190)

Followership to Leadership L-280

CPR/AED & First Aid

Basic ICS for Initial Response (FEMA IS-200)

Portable pumps (S-211)

An Introduction to the NIMS (FEMA IS-700)

Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Awareness

Introduction to the ICS (FEMA IS-100)

Top performing students may be given the opportunity to join the Antelope Valley College, Type-II Wildland Fire Hand Crew sponsored by the Inyo National Forest.

Aspiring wildland fire protection professionals with interest in the outdoors and intense physical activity should consider pursuing an associate of science degree in Wildland Fire with Antelope Valley College. This degree can prepare the student for a multitude of career paths such as...

Wildland Firefighter Smokejumper Helitack Firefighter... and more! We have Alumni currently working nationwide with private, local, state and federal fire agencies such as the US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management, (BLM), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), City of Los Angeles Fire Department and Grayback Forestry.