

Firefighter Training

Southwestern Community College offers a variety of firefighting classes.

Essentials of Firefighting I—60 hour course designed to prepare individuals to take the FFI certification examination.

Essentials of Firefighting II—32 hour course designed to prepare individuals to take the FFII certification examination.

Prerequisite: current FFI certification

Firefighter Continuing Education Southwestern co-sponsors with many local and state organizations to offer a variety of hands-on and lecture based training opportunities for new and experienced firefighters, including:

- SCBA Training
- Ladder Entry
- Confined Space Rescue
- Ice Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication
- Advanced and Basic Rope Rescue
- Driver/Operator
- Hazmat

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Emergency Services Training Programs



First Responder

The First Responder is an integral part of the Emergency Medical Services System. Following the US DOT National Standard First Responder curriculum, the goal is to provide students with the core knowledge, skills, and attitudes to function in the capacity of a First Responder.

The First Responder uses limited amounts of equipment to perform initial assessment and interventions, and is trained to assist other EMS providers.

This course is intended for, but is not limited to, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, rescue personnel, coaches, special event coverage personnel, industrial emergency team members, and other individuals charged with "first response" duties either as a medical volunteer in their community or in their place of employment. This level is authorized for emergency non-transport care.

This course consists of 52 classroom hours plus 8 hours (minimum) of clinical experience in an emergency room.

To become certified, the student must pass the National Registry of EMT cognitive and practical examinations.

Prerequisites:

Must be 17 years of age, able to read, write and speak English, must possess a current certification card as the Healthcare Level of Providers in CPR, or its equivalent.

Emergency Medical Services Training

EMT—Basic

This course covers the US DOT National Standard Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) curriculum, which presents assessment-based education and interventions, and includes Iowa specific enhancements. This course meets or exceeds the EMT-B guidelines of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the Iowa Department of Health, Bureau of EMS. Clinical and field components are required for course completion.

Class consists of 120 hours of classroom instruction as well as 36 hours (minimum) of clinical and field experience in the hospital and prehospital settings.

To become certified, the student must pass the National Registry of EMT cognitive and practical examinations.

Prerequisites:

Must be 17 years of age, able to read, write and speak English, must possess a current certification card at the AHA Healthcare Provider Level CPR, or equivalent.

Continuing Education for EMS

- **2 annual EMS Continuing Education Conferences**
- **Refresher courses at all levels of EMS**
- **EMT—Intermediate**
- **Iowa Paramedic**
- **Paramedic to Paramedic Specialist Bridge Course**
- **PHTLS—PEPP**
- **Law Enforcement Continuing Education**
- **Continuing Education classes for firefighters and EMS providers**

Paramedic Specialist

The Paramedic Specialist utilizes the US DOT National Standard Paramedic curriculum. This course provides education for treatment of patients in the prehospital setting using advanced life support procedures including pharmacological interventions and treatment of cardiac dysrhythmias.

This course consists of a minimum of 600 classroom hours. Clinical and field components are based on objectives and consist of a minimum of 200 clinical and field hours.

To become certified, the student must pass the National Registry of EMT cognitive and practical skills examinations.

Prerequisites:

Must be 17 years of age, able to read, write and speak English, must possess a current certification card as the AHA Healthcare Provider level in CPR, or its equivalent..

Students must hold current certification as an EMT-Basic provider in Iowa. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.