



# FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE

## GUIDED PATHWAY: FIREFIGHTER/EMT COMBINED CERTIFICATE PUBLIC SERVICE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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Listed below you will find the steps and course sequence for students interested in obtaining an EMT and Firefighter certificate and State of Florida licensure. Following the pathway will enable a student to complete his certificates in the most efficient means possible.

This 792-clock hour program is offered to prepare students for employment in the State of Florida as an EMT and Firefighter. The program prepares students to pass both EMT and Firefighter industry certification examinations and to meet industry standards to help secure employment opportunities.

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Catalog Year: 2024-2025

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Degree Type: Career Certificate

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Location: Florida Gateway College, Olustee Campus

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### PATHWAY MAP

#### PRE-ENROLLMENT ACTION ITEMS

1. Apply for Admission: Click the following link to apply.  
<https://apply.fgc.edu/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/pages/welcome.aspx>  
Fill in the required term. "FFEA" is the program code.
2. Apply for financial aid. Apply online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
3. Take required proof of residency (see page four of application) to admissions in building 15 on the main FGC campus. Or email documents to:  
[enrollment.services@fgc.edu](mailto:enrollment.services@fgc.edu)
4. Have official high school and all college transcripts sent to the FGC admissions office.
5. If not exempt, schedule and take the TABE Test. This can be taken in the FGC testing center. The test is free for students. To schedule a TABE test go to this website.  
<https://www2.registerblast.com/fgc/exam/list>

6. Schedule an initial advising appointment with either:

EMT Coordinator Thomas Brown (386) 754-4465 [thomas.brown@fgc.edu](mailto:thomas.brown@fgc.edu) or  
 Firefighter Instructor Tracy Higdon, (386)754-4210, [tracey.higdon@fgc.edu](mailto:tracey.higdon@fgc.edu)

PRE - PROGRAM ITEMS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Must possess a current BLS Provider Card.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Bring the following items with you to your advising appointment with the EMS Coordinator:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Completed program-specific application</b></li> <li>• <b>Resume</b></li> <li>• <b>Cover Letter</b></li> <li>• <b>Driver's License</b></li> <li>• <b>Proof of health insurance coverage</b></li> <li>• <b>Proof of immunizations</b></li> </ul>		
<b>AFTER your advising appointment, complete the following as directed by the EMS Coordinator:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pass the required background check and drug screen from the contracted provider.</b></li> <li>• <b>Order Uniforms.</b></li> <li>• <b>Register and pay for the courses in the FGC registrar's office.</b></li> <li>• <b>Attend a program orientation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Obtain the books and other necessary supplies prior to the first day of class.</b></li> </ul>		
FULL TIME PATHWAY		
SEMESTER ONE		ACTION ITEMS
Course #	Course Name	Hours
EMS 0110	Emergency Medical Technician	300
		1. Meet with advisor at least twice a semester. 2. Ensure a passing TABE score or an exemption status is in place. 3. Schedule a fire advising appointment with Tracey Higdon (Fire Program Coordinator) 4. Attend the state-required Firefighter course orientation. 5. Take and pass the firefighter physical abilities test. 6. Submit all required fire program-specific documentation to Tracey Higdon. 7. Register and pay for Firefighter courses. 8. Register for National Registry certification exam. 9. Take and pass the EMT National Registry certification exam 10. Apply and pay for State of Florida EMT License.
SEMESTER TWO		ACTION ITEMS
FFP 0030C	Fire Fighter I	191
FFP 0031C	Fire Fighter II	301
		1. Meet with advisor at least twice a semester. 2. Register for the firefighter certification exam. 3. Take and pass the Firefighter written and practical certification examinations.

7. Apply for graduation with FGC. <https://www.fgc.edu/students/student-resources/graduation/>

8. Attend the program graduation ceremony.