FS 130 Articulation Competencies

*Wildland Firefighting Basics (10 Credits)*

**Provides the new wild-land firefighter with basic FFT2 Red Card-qualifying skills to effectively and safely suppress wildfires while under close supervision.**

*Upon completion of this course, successful students will score 80% or better on the following competencies to receive WVC college credits.*

Student Learning Outcomes:

**CATEGORIES**

1. **Problem Solving**: A. Critical Thinking 3. **Social Interaction**: A.Collaboration

B. Creative Thinking B. Ethical Conduct

C. Quantitative Reasoning C.Professional Conduct

D. Qualitative Reasoning D. Cultural Diversity

1. **Communication**: A. Oral Expression 4. **Inquiry: A.** Information Literacy

B. Written Expression B. Research

C. Artistic Expression C. Documentation

Course Competencies Checklist:

* Identify the fire behavior factors affecting the start and spread of wildland fires. (1A, 2A, 3C,4B)
* Apply appropriate “Standard Fire Orders.” (1A, 2A, 4B)
* Describe the components, importance of, and guidelines associated with Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones. (1A, 2B, 4C)
* Explain the importance of and the inspection procedures for Fire Shelters. (1A, 2B, 4C)
* Define the Risk Management process. (1A, 2A)

Core Topics:

* Fire weather
* Wildland fire components
* Safety
* Fire Shelters
* Situation Awareness and Risk Management
* Suppression techniques
* Line Construction

Program Outcomes:

Graduates of the Fire Science ATS degree program will be able to:

* Possess the industry recognized skills required for entry-level employment as a firefighter, meeting International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) standards for Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Operations and other industry standards.
* Demonstrate and appropriately use fire service equipment and procedures in conjunction with a variety of emergency response incidents; possess industry recognized apparatus operation knowledge, skills and abilities.
* Identify fire protection systems used in various occupancies including sprinkler systems, extinguishing agents, early warning devices, fire pumps, smoke and flame detection, and standpipes.
* Possess industry recognized hazardous materials first responder competencies to the level of First Responder Operations.
* Demonstrate the principles of effective risk management during incident operations including managing emergency scene safety with multiple responding units regarding the resources of time, personnel, equipment and jurisdictional authority.
* Understand the ethical responsibilities and consequences of working in an emergency services-related environment.
* Demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving abilities, teamwork, communication, intercultural appreciation, and technical and information literacy skills as they apply to the fire service.
* Demonstrate employee traits considered strong in a professional work environment: dependability, appearance, positive attitude, thoroughness, timelines, safety, and the human relations skills necessary for work in emergency services.
* Apply basic firefighting skills to a wild land/urban interface environment.
* Have a thorough knowledge of the hiring process to include Civil Service Examinations.