Are you interested in starting a career in the fire service or a career in a related field? Are you a member of the Philadelphia Fire Department interested in a promotion? The Fire Science program at Community College of Philadelphia is designed specifically for people interested in a leadership position in the fire service or in a related field.

“The degree in Fire Science prepared me for a leadership position in the Philadelphia Fire Department.”

—Deputy Commissioner Ernest Hargett, Philadelphia Fire Department

As a result of rapidly advancing technology and evolving standards and guidelines, a degree is often necessary for career advancement. The Philadelphia Fire Department recognizes the importance of the associate’s degree in Fire Science by awarding a bonus of a half point on all promotional examinations to any firefighter or fire officer who earns this degree. The half point can move a promotional candidate ahead five or more positions on a promotional list.

The Fire Science program provides graduates with:

- improved communication and critical thinking skills
- the ability to use computer-assisted design software
- an understanding of the responsibilities of a fire officer
- an excellent foundation for transfer to a four-year college or university

Career Paths
Graduates of this program often achieve a supervisory position within the Philadelphia Fire Department or in related fields, such as:

- risk management
- property management
- fire protection equipment testing
- fire investigation
- pre-emergency planning

“The course in Emergency Scene Management provided me with the knowledge and confidence to impress the promotional board with my knowledge of fireground strategy and tactics.”

—Capt. Kevin Ewing, Philadelphia Fire Department

The Fire Science Program
All of the Fire Science instructors are fire service or fire safety professionals with extensive real-world experience.
The program is open to full-time as well as part-time students. Fire Science courses are offered in the evenings, at the Main Campus and at the Philadelphia Fire Academy, located at 5200 Pennypack Street, in Northeast Philadelphia. Many general education and elective courses may be taken online, which reduces your time spent on campus.

Salaries
Fire fighters — $18.43/hr*


“The transition was seamless. After earning my A.A.S. in Fire Science from the College, I transferred 74 credits to Holy Family University, where I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Fire Science and Public Safety Administration.”

—Lt. John Narkin, Philadelphia Fire Department

Graduates of this program have the opportunity to transfer up to 75 credits to Holy Family University, where they may earn a bachelor’s degree in Fire Science and Public Safety Administration. This undergraduate degree earns a member of the Philadelphia Fire department a full point bonus on all promotional examinations.

Program Courses
The following courses are required for the Fire Science degree:

FSCI 104 - Fire Prevention and Building Codes
FSCI 111 - Emergency Scene Management
FSCI 142 - Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety for Firefighters
FSCI 181 - Building Construction for Firefighters
FSCI 271 - Hazardous Materials
FSCI 172 - Fire Detection and Suppression Systems
FSCI 221 - Fire Prevention and Protection
FSCI 281 - Fire Investigation
FSCI 241 - Fire Department Administration
FSCI 291 - Computer Assisted Prefire Planning

Admission to the College
We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call 215-751-8010 or e-mail admissions@ccp.edu.

College Information
Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs
www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process
www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements
www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid
www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards
www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life
www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College
www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

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