



South Carolina Technical College System
Guidelines for Awarding Exemption Credit
For Certification Training Offered by the
National Fire Academy or the South Carolina Fire Academy

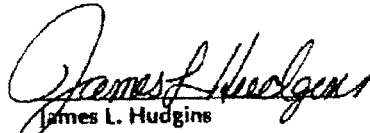
1. Technical colleges shall award exemption credit for National Fire Academy training based on recommendations made by the American Council on Education (ACE) whenever such recommendations are available. If ACE recommendations are not available, technical colleges shall award exemption credit based on the criteria listed in #2 below.
2. Technical colleges shall award exemption credit for SC Fire Academy training on the following basis:

Every fifteen (15) contact hours of training plus a required final exam shall equate to one-half (0.5) academic credit hour for purposes of granting exemption credit. The final exam may be a written exam and/or practical evaluation and must require a passing test score. A student must complete the training with an overall average of 70 percent or higher, including satisfactory completion of all required physical and practical exercises. Training sponsored and conducted by the SC Fire Academy may be completed at the SC Fire Academy facility in Columbia or at any other SC Fire Academy designated site.

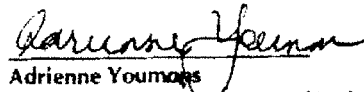
3. Technical colleges shall grant not more than a total of 24 credit hours of fire service or related training (EMS, First Aid, First Responder, etc.) exemption credit toward an associate degree. Students may receive a maximum of 9.0 credit hours for SCFA 1000 series courses completed. All other SCFA coursework submitted for exemption credit must be at the 2000 series level or above.

Effective Date: January, 2003

1/29/03
Date Approved


James L. Hudgins
Executive Director
SC Technical College System

2/20/03
Date Approved


Adrienne Youmans
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Licensing, and Regulation

**Course Articulation List
South Carolina Technical Colleges
And
South Carolina Fire Academy**

*SCTCS = South Carolina Technical College System assigned credit.
ACE = American Council on Education assigned credit.*

SCFA Course Number	SCFA Course Description	SCFA Contact Hours	Credit Hours Awarded	Source of Credit Hour Assignment
1151	Firefighter Candidate School	280	9.0	SCTCS Guidelines
1152	OSHA Firefighter*	80	2.5	SCTCS Guidelines
1153	NFPA Firefighter I*	60	2.0	SCTCS Guidelines
1154	NFPA Firefighter II*	36	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
1160	Truck Company and Support Operations	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
1210	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
1220	Pumper Operations I	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
1221	Pumper Operations II	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
1225	Fire Department Pumper Testing	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2100	Fire Officer I	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
2111	MCTO: Preparation	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2112	MCTO: Decision Making	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2113	Supervision: Personal Effectiveness	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2114	Supervision: Team Effectiveness	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2116	MCTO: Tactics	16	1.0	ACE
2117	Introduction to Volunteer Management	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2128	FF Safety & Survival: CO's Responsibility	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2130	Bldg. Const. Principles: Noncombust. & Fire Resistive	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2132	Bldg. Const. Principles: Combustibles	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2137	Incident Command System	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2139	Introduction to Fire Inspection Principles and Practices	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2144	Incident Command for High-rise Operations	16	1.0	ACE
2145	Incident Command for Structural Collapse Operations	16	1.0	ACE
2150	Incident Safety Officer	16	1.0	ACE
2151	Health and Safety Officer	16	1.0	ACE
2171	Leadership I: Company Success	16	1.0	ACE
2172	Leadership II: Personal Success	16	1.0	ACE
2173	Leadership III: Supervisory Success	16	1.0	ACE
2175	Managing a Changing Environment	16	1.0	ACE
2176	Shaping the Future	16	1.0	ACE
2180	Chemistry of Hazardous Materials	80	4.0	ACE
2719	Haz-Mat Technical Annual Refresher	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2720	Haz-Mat Incident Management	48	3.0	ACE
2722	Haz-Materials: Operations*	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2723	OSHA Haz-Mat Technician	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines

SCFA Course Number	SCFA Course Description	SCFA Contact Hours	Credit Hours Awarded	Source of Credit Hour Assignment
2735	NFA Operating Site Practices	80	4.0	ACE
2736	Chlorine Response Specialist	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2751	Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts	16	1.0	ACE
2752	ERT: Incident Management	48	3.0	ACE
2755	NBC Terrorism Tech	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
2757	ERT: Company Officer Tactical Considerations	16	1.0	ACE
3211	Initial Fire Investigation	48	3.0	ACE
3213	Basic Fire/Arson Investigation	80	2.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3224	Arson Detection for First Responders	16	1.0	ACE
3225	Cause Determination for the Company Officer	48	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3300	Confined Space Rescue I	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3310	Rope Rescue Operations	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3312	Trench Rescue I	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3350	Water Rescue Operations	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3351	Water Rescue Technician I	24	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
3352	Water Rescue Technician II	32	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
3400	Basic Aircraft Rescue Firefighting	48	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
4161	Fire Instructor I	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
4165	Fire and Life Safety Educator	32	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
7171	ERT: Tactical Considerations-HazMat	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
8168	Basic Aerial Operations	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
8331	S-130 Wildland Firefighter	16	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
8332	S-205 Wildland Urban Interface	20	.5	SCTCS Guidelines
8502	Fire Marshal Certification	40	1.0	SCTCS Guidelines
**	The following courses are not offered by the SCFA. However, many firefighters take these courses and some colleges may grant exemption credit for them.			
**	Emergency Response (First Responder)	45	1.5	SCTCS Guidelines
**	Emergency Medical Technician Training/Certification	144	4.5	SCTCS Guidelines

*Note: Course material in 1152 OSHA Firefighter, 1153 NFPA Firefighter I, 1154 NFPA Firefighter II, and 2722 Hazardous Materials: Operations all are covered in the 1151 Firefighter Candidate School course. Students receiving credit for 1151 will not receive additional credit for 1152, 1153, 1154, or 2722.

- Students may receive up to 24 hours of exemption credit towards an associate degree for the successful completion of SCFA, Emergency Response and EMT courses as outlined above.
- Each technical college reserves the right to determine the number of hours awarded up to a maximum of 24, which will depend, in part, on the associate degree in which the student is enrolled.
- Students may receive a maximum of 9.0 credit hours for SCFA 1000 series courses completed. All other coursework submitted for exemption credit must be at the 2000 series level or above.
- Any questions relating to Fire Academy coursework should be referred to Russ Friar at the SCFA, 803.896.9870.

November 16,2004

Ms. Cheryl Cox
SC State Board for Technical Colleges
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Subject: Articulation List Addendum

Dear Ms. Cox,

The following South Carolina Fire Academy course numbers and course descriptions need to be added to the January 2003, Course Articulation List between the South Carolina Technical Colleges and the South Carolina Fire Academy. This will insure that members of the fire service in South Carolina have the mechanism to receive credit hours for courses that have a challenge course that is equivalent to actually taking the course as listed on the current articulation List.

SCFA Course Number	SCFA Course Description	Equivalent Course Hours	Credit Hours Awarded
4501	Challenge Course Exam (1153)	60	2.0
4502	Challenge Course Exam (1154)	36	1.0
4504	Challenge Course Exam (2100)	40	1.0

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

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