FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I enroll in the Fire and Emergency Services Administration if I don’t have an A.A.S. in Fire Protection Technology?

A: Yes, but your transcripts will need to be evaluated to determine the deficiencies in both the general education/core courses and lower level Fire Protection Technology courses. You will need to contact the Program Director for additional information before applying.

Q: I am missing a couple of general education/core courses even though I have completed my A.A.S. in Fire Protection Technology. Do I need to wait until I complete the missing courses or can I enroll at FSU before I take those courses?

A: Yes, however, upon admission you will receive an evaluation which lists all missing courses. You will have to complete them at a community college and transfer them back to FSU before graduation. You must complete the Request to Pursue Courses at Another Institution Form BEFORE taking any missing courses at another school AND you must successfully complete each course with a grade of “C” or higher. All of this can be facilitated through the Program Director.

Q: I hold a degree in something other than Fire Protection Technology but have fire service experience and hold a number of certifications. Can I receive credit for these certifications?

A: Yes, in some cases certifications are the equivalent of some curriculum courses. Only courses approved by ACE will be accepted at the discretion of the University and the Program Director. However, because certifications and training are often not the equivalent of curriculum education, we encourage students to take advantage of the Fire Protection Technology degree program offered at the community colleges so that a solid foundation can be built for coursework at the bachelor’s level.

Q: Is there any financial aid available for FESA students?

A: There are currently no scholarships or grants specifically made available to FESA students through Fayetteville State University. However, numerous professional organizations such as the NC State Firemen’s Association, NC Association of Rescue and EMS, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs have opportunities for members to apply for competitive scholarships annually. Students may also be eligible for grants after completing the FASFA. Please contact Financial Aid for additional information.

Please feel free to contact Program Director Barbara R. Russo at brusso@uncfsu.edu if you have any additional questions about the program.