

Aparicio-Levy Technical College

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Firefighter



This program prepares students for entry-level positions as firefighters. Students learn the knowledge and skills needed for the Florida Minimum Standards Firefighter exam.

Once completing the academy, graduates receive a career certificate and are qualified to take the state Firefighter II certification exams. The curriculum includes comprehensive training that prepares candidates to take the State exams and follows the framework set by the Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.

Examples of topics covered: orientation to the fire service, fire alarms and communication, vehicles, apparatus and equipment, fire behavior, portable extinguishers, fire streams, fundamentals of extinguishment, ladders, hoses, tools and equipment, forcible entry, salvage, overhaul, ventilation, rescue, protective breathing equipment, safety, controlled burning.

Cost:	\$ 3,205 + \$ 1,000 for Tampa Fire Rescue (Subject to change)
Length:	492 hours <i>TFR Academy – 5 months</i> Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm <i>HCFR Academy – 7 months</i> Tues – Thurs 6:00 – 10:00 pm Saturdays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Certification/ Licensure	Florida Firefighter Certification
Entry Level Pay Tampa Bay Area:	\$ 45,000 - \$55,000 annually
Next Class Start Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hillsborough Fire-January 2026• Tampa Fire - February 2026
Admissions Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High school diploma or GED• EMT or NREMT certification• FL Driver's License or Photo ID• Medical exam• Fingerprinting & background check• Additional State forms & State requirements for certification
Financial Aid	Programs are not eligible for FAFSA/PELL. Other financial assistance is available for eligible students.

