

# GUIDED PATHWAY: FIRE ARSON/INVESTIGATION CERTIFICATE

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Fire Protection Technology webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/Fire) [www.dcccd.edu/Fire] and your academic advisor at your campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing a degree in Fire Protection Technology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn the Fire Arson/Investigation Certificate. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

The Fire and Arson Investigation Certificate provides students with the technical and professional knowledge to prepare for a career in fire and arson investigation. The program is designed for students who desire employment and/or certification as an Arson Investigator. In order to be certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as a Basic Arson Investigator, an individual must possess a current basic peace officer's license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education or documentation that the individual is a federal law enforcement officer; hold a current commission as a peace officer with the employing entity for which the arson investigations will be done; and complete a commission approved basic fire investigation training program and successfully pass the commission examination.

All credits earned in this program may be applied toward the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Protection Technology.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites.

<b>Catalog Year</b>	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
<b>Degree Type</b>	Level I Certificate	
<b>GPA Requirement</b>	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
<b><a href="#">TSI</a></b>	May be Exempt	

## SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

### CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 18 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

#### SEMESTER 1 Total Hours: 9

- [FIRT 1338](#) – Fire Protection Systems
- [FIRT 1303](#) – Fire and Arson Investigation I
- [FIRT 1327](#) – Building Construction in the Fire Service

#### SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities.
3. Meet with faculty or a career advisor/coach for placement in the Cooperative Education Course.

#### SEMESTER 2 Total Hours: 9

- [FIRT 1315](#) – Hazardous Materials I
- [FIRT 2380](#) – Cooperative Education - Fire Protection and Safety Technology/Technician
- [FIRT 2333](#) – Fire and Arson Investigation II

#### SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Fire Arson/Investigation Certificate.

