



# MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIRE ACADEMY

## BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER IN TEXAS

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To become a firefighter in Texas, you need two certifications:

1. Basic Structural Firefighter
2. Emergency Medical Technician

Both of these are available through McLennan Community College. The EMT takes one semester and the fire academy takes one semester.

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### How to prepare

1. Take courses in anatomy and physiology, basic science, and courses that emphasize mechanical aptitude.
2. Pay attention in your general knowledge courses. Many department entrance exams include general knowledge questions and mathematics questions.
3. Get in good physical shape. Team athletics are a great way to prepare for this type of profession.
4. Learn to study properly.
5. Keep your background clean. This includes your driving record. The Commission on Fire Protection, the State Department of Health Services and every department that's considering you will do a background check.
6. Team sports are a great way to prepare for this profession.
7. MCC offers a dual credit EMT academy. You can take preparatory courses starting in the 11th grade.
8. Consider other dual credit courses in math and English to get your college core courses completed early.

Contact us if you wish to pursue firefighting as a career.

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