

National Fire Academy

Fire Science Degree Programs from FESHE-Recognized and Regionally Accredited Schools

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About the FESHE Recognition Program

The Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Recognition certificate is an acknowledgement that particular collegiate division of emergency services degree programs meet the minimum standards of excellence established by FESHE professional development committees and the National Fire Academy (NFA).

These regionally accredited colleges and universities have demonstrated a commitment to the nationally recognized FESHE model of standardized professional development education criteria. At present, FESHE has concentrated on degree programs that emphasize firefighting response, fire prevention and fire administration and emergency medical services management degree programs.

For more information on the FESHE Recognition Program, visit http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/higher_ed/feshe/feshe_recognition_program.shtm

About Regional Accreditation

The National Fire Academy (NFA) lists institutions that have regional accreditation from one of the six regional accrediting agencies recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the U.S. Department of Education (ED). This listing is not an endorsement of any one institution over another, and it is not an endorsement of any one accrediting association over another. It is merely a helpful reference service to the national firefighting community.

CHEA and ED also recognize other - sometimes called national - accrediting associations, which accredit educational institutions that offer fire science programs.

The NFA list, however, does not include these other institutions, because of possible conflicts with fire department policies and collective bargaining agreements in the area of higher education. Specifically, in the areas of tuition reimbursement for college courses, incentives for earning your degree and promotions to ranks requiring a degree, policy and contract language often state that only courses and degrees from regionally accredited institutions will be accepted.

While any institution that is accredited by an accrediting association that meets either CHEA or ED criteria for national recognition should be a quality degree program, there may be consequences for fire and emergency services personnel if their fire department requires degrees or credits only from a regionally accredited institution.

You are encouraged to check your department's particular policies and contract language. We are aware that some students have experienced difficulty attempting to transfer course credits from non-regionally accredited schools to regionally accredited schools.

Finally, you should also beware of the widespread existence of "degree or diploma mills," as they not only lack any of the aforementioned legitimate, recognized accreditation, they are also known to claim accreditation from a "fake" or unrecognized accrediting agency.

In summary, not all institutions that grant degrees are accredited by the legitimate ED or CHEA recognized accrediting organizations. Unless you are certain that the institution you are considering is accredited by a CHEA or ED recognized accrediting body, you should research the source of the institution's accreditation carefully before enrolling.

For more information about higher education accreditation, or to verify if any institution is genuinely accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, visit the [CHEA Website](#).

College-Based Training Programs

Missouri – Regionally Accredited

[University of Missouri-Columbia Fire and Rescue Training Institute](#)

Pennsylvania – Regionally Accredited

[Harrisburg Area Community College Public Safety Center](#)

[Pennsylvania Institute of Applied Health Sciences](#)

Associate's Degree Programs

Alaska – Regionally Accredited

[University of Alaska Anchorage](#)

[University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College](#)

Arizona – Regionally Accredited

[Arizona Western College](#)

[Mohave Community College](#)

Arizona – FESHE-Recognized

[Yavapai College](#)

Arkansas – Regionally Accredited

[Northwest Arkansas Community College](#)

California – Regionally Accredited

[Bakersfield College](#)

[City College of San Francisco](#)

[Columbia College](#)

[Crafton Hills College Fire Technology](#)

[Long Beach City College](#)

[Miramar College](#)

[Oxnard College Fire Technology](#)

[Riverside Community College](#)

[Sierra College, Rocklin](#)

Colorado – Regionally Accredited

[Aims Community College](#)

[Colorado Mountain College](#)

[Pikes Peak Community College](#)

[Regis University](#)

Connecticut – Regionally Accredited

[Charter Oak State College](#)

Delaware – Regionally Accredited

[Delaware Technical and Community College](#)

Florida – FESHE-Recognized

[Palm Beach State College](#)

Florida – Regionally Accredited

[Florida Community College at Jacksonville](#)

[Gulf Coast Community College](#)

[Keiser University](#)

[Palm Beach Community College](#)

[Santa Fe Community College](#)

Georgia – Regionally Accredited

[Atlanta Technical College](#)

[DeKalb Technical College](#)

[Georgia Northwestern Technical College](#)

[Georgia Perimeter College](#)

[West Georgia Technical College](#)

Idaho – FESHE-Recognized

[Treasure Valley Community College](#)

[Idaho State University](#)

Illinois – Regionally Accredited

[Joliet Junior College](#)

[Prairie State College](#)

Illinois – FESHE-Recognized

[Lake Land College](#)

Iowa – FESHE Recognized

[Kaplan University](#)

Kansas – Regionally Accredited

[Cowley College](#) (Online Degree)

[Johnson County Community College](#)

Kentucky – Regionally Accredited

[Eastern Kentucky University Fire and Safety Engineering Technology Program](#)

Louisiana – Regionally Accredited

[Louisiana State University at Eunice](#)

Maine – Regionally Accredited

[Southern Maine Community College](#)

Maryland – Regionally Accredited

[College of Southern Maryland](#)

[Kaplan University](#) (Online Degree)

[Montgomery College](#)

Massachusetts – FESHE-Recognized

[Bunker Hill Community College](#)

[Mount Wachusett Community College](#)

[Quinsigamond Community College](#)

Michigan – Regionally Accredited

[Delta College](#)

[Lansing Community College](#)

[Macomb Community College](#)

[Wayne County Community College District](#)

Missouri – Regionally Accredited

[Columbia College](#)

Nebraska – FESHE-Recognized

[Southeast Community College](#)

New Jersey – Regionally Accredited

[Burlington County College](#)

[Camden County Community College](#)

[Mercer County Community College](#)

[Passaic County Community College](#)

New Mexico – FESHE-Recognized

[New Mexico State University at Dona Ana](#)

New Mexico – Regionally Accredited

[Clovis Community College](#)

New York – Regionally Accredited

[Dutchess Community College](#)

[Jefferson Community College](#)

[John Jay College](#)

[Monroe Community College](#)

North Carolina – Regionally Accredited

[Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College](#)

[Cleveland Community College](#)

[Coastal Carolina Community College](#)

[Davidson County Community College](#)

[Guilford Technical Community College](#)

Ohio – Regionally Accredited

[Bowling Green State University](#)

[Cincinnati State Technical and Community College](#)

[Lakeland Community College](#)

[University of Cincinnati](#)

Oklahoma – Regionally Accredited

[Tulsa Community College Fire and Emergency Services Program](#)

Oregon – Regionally Accredited

[Central Oregon Community College](#)

[Chemeketa Community College](#)

[Clatsop Community College](#)

[Portland Community College](#)

[Rogue Community College](#)

Pennsylvania – Regionally Accredited

[Bucks County Community College](#)

[Community College of Allegheny County](#)

[Harrisburg Area Community College](#)

[Montgomery County Community College](#)

Rhode Island – Regionally Accredited

[Community College of Rhode Island](#)

[Providence College](#)

South Carolina – Regionally Accredited

[Greenville Technical College](#)

[York Technical College](#)

Tennessee – FESHE-Recognized

[Volunteer State Community College](#)

[Walters State Community College](#)

Tennessee – Regionally Accredited

[Chattanooga State Technical Community College Emergency Services](#)

[Huntington College of Health Sciences](#)

Texas – Regionally Accredited

[Weatherford College](#)

Texas – FESHE-Recognized

[Del Mar College](#)

Utah – Regionally Accredited

[Utah Valley State College](#)

Vermont – Regionally Accredited

[Vermont Technical College](#)

Virginia – Regionally Accredited

[J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College](#)

[Northern Virginia Community College](#)

[Tidewater Community College](#)

Washington – FESHE-Recognized

[South Puget Sound Community College](#)

Washington – Regionally Accredited

[Bellevue Community College](#)

[Edmonds Community College](#)

West Virginia – Regionally Accredited

[American Public University System](#)

[Mountain State University](#)

Wyoming – Regionally Accredited

[Casper College](#)

[Central Wyoming College](#)

[Laramie County Community College](#)

Bachelor's Degree Programs

Arizona – Regionally Accredited

[Arizona State University East Fire Programs](#)

[Grand Canyon University](#) (Traditional and Online Degrees)

California – FESHE-Recognized

[Cogswell College](#)

Colorado – Regionally Accredited

[Colorado State University](#)

[Regis University](#) (Traditional and Online Degrees)

Colorado – FESHE-Recognized

[Metropolitan State College of Denver](#)

Connecticut – Regionally Accredited

[University of New Haven](#)

Florida – FESHE-Recognized

[Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#) (Online Degree)

Florida – Regionally Accredited

[Florida Community College at Jacksonville](#)

[University of Florida Fire and Emergency Services Distance Education](#) (Online Degree)

Illinois – FESHE-Recognized

[Lewis University](#)

[Southern Illinois University - Carbondale](#)

[Western Illinois University](#)

Idaho – FESHE-Recognized

[Idaho State University](#)

Iowa – FESHE Recognized

[Kaplan University](#)

Kentucky – Regionally Accredited

[Eastern Kentucky University Fire and Safety Engineering Technology Program](#)

Maryland – FESHE-Recognized

[University of Maryland University College](#)

Maryland – Regionally Accredited

[Kaplan University \(Online Degree\) @ Hagerstown, MD](#)

[University of Maryland Department of Fire Protection Engineering](#)

Massachusetts – FESHE-Recognized

[Anna Maria College](#)

Minnesota – Regionally Accredited

[Metropolitan State University](#)

[Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Fire/EMS/Safety Center](#)

New Jersey – Regionally Accredited

[Fairleigh Dickinson University](#)

New York – FESHE-Recognized

[SUNY - Empire State College Center for Distance Learning](#)

New York – Regionally Accredited

[John Jay College](#)

North Carolina – Regionally Accredited

[University of North Carolina Charlotte](#)

Ohio – FESHE-Recognized

[University Of Cincinnati](#)

Ohio – Regionally Accredited

[Bowling Green State University](#)

Oklahoma – Regionally Accredited

[Oklahoma State University School of Fire Protection and Safety Technology](#)

Oregon – FESHE-Recognized

[Western Oregon University](#)

Oregon – Regionally Accredited

[Eastern Oregon University](#)

Pennsylvania – FESHE-Recognized

[Point Park University](#)

Rhode Island – Regionally Accredited

[Providence College](#)

Tennessee – FESHE-Recognized

[University of Memphis](#)

Texas – Regionally Accredited

[St. Edward's University](#)

[Texas Wesleyan University](#)

Utah – Regionally Accredited

[Utah Valley State College](#)

Virginia – FESHE-Recognized

[Jefferson College of Health Sciences](#)

Virginia – Regionally Accredited

[Hampton University](#)

West Virginia – Regionally Accredited

[American Public University System](#)

Graduate's Degree Programs

Arizona – Regionally Accredited

[Arizona State University East Fire Programs](#)

[Grand Canyon University](#)

Connecticut – Regionally Accredited

[University of New Haven](#)

Illinois – Regionally Accredited

[Lewis University](#)

[University of Illinois at Chicago](#)

Kansas – Regionally Accredited

[Southwestern College](#)

Kentucky – Regionally Accredited

[Eastern Kentucky University Fire & Safety Engineering Technology Program](#)

Massachusetts – Regionally Accredited

[Anna Maria College](#)

[Worcester Polytechnic Institute Fire Protection Engineering and Center for Fire Safety Studies](#)

New Mexico – Regionally Accredited

[Southwestern College](#)

New York – Regionally Accredited

[John Jay College](#)

Oklahoma – Regionally Accredited

[Oklahoma State University](#)

[Southwestern College](#)
