



## Emergency Services Department Recruit Candidate Academy (RCA) Frequently Asked Questions



**Do I need to be admitted at Utah Valley State College (UVSC) in order to apply for these courses?** Yes, you will need to be admitted to UVSC. You can do that by going to <http://www.uvsc.edu/admissions/applynow/apply.html>

### **What is the Recruit Candidate Academy (RCA)?**

A basic firefighter academy that includes four “college-level” courses taken all at once.

### **What certificates will I receive if I successfully complete the RCA?**

Upon successful completion, you will receive the following levels of certification from the State of Utah

- Firefighter I
- Firefighter II
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Hazardous Materials Operations

### **What are the prerequisites to get into the RCA**

1. Complete FSF 1000 and FSF 1140 courses with at least a "C-"
2. Obtain COMPASS Writing/DRP scores of 80+/77+, or ACT English/ACT Reading scores of 19+/19+, or ACT English/ACT Composite scores of 19+/19+, or SAT English score of 500+, or completion of ENGH 0990 or higher. ACT or SAT reports may not be older than 10 years.
3. Obtain COMPASS Pre-Algebra score of 70+, or ACT mathematics score of 17+, or SAT mathematics score of 450+, or completion of MAT 0990 or higher, ACT or SAT reports may not be older than 10 years.
4. Successfully complete the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) within 9 months of course start date.
5. Obtain a physical examination within 6 months of start date.
6. Pass a Recruit Candidate Academy review board.

### **How do I apply to get into the RCA?**

1. Apply for admission to UVSC: <http://www.uvsc.edu/admissions/applynow/apply.html>
  - a. Make sure to select Emergency Services as your major.
2. Complete a Recruit Candidate Academy (RCA) application

### **How do I get a RCA application?**

1. Call our student support center at 888-548-7816 or 801-863-7709
2. You can go online to [www.ufra.uvsc.edu](http://www.ufra.uvsc.edu)

### **When are RCA applications due?**

- If you are applying for the Fall (August) semester, they are due during April 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

- If you are applying for the Spring (January) semester, they are due during October 15<sup>th</sup> of that year.

**Once I've been admitted to the RCA, when do classes start?**

The RCA classes take one semester to complete. Courses are offered in the following format:

1. Fall (August – December).
2. Spring (January – April).

**How do I register?**

- Once prerequisites are verified and you've been notified of your acceptance into the program, a Emergency Services advisor will register you for the RCA classes.

**What is the schedule for the RCA?**

- RCA Day (10 weeks): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
6:30 am – 5 pm
- RCA Night (15 weeks): Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
5 pm – 10 pm and Saturdays 8 am – 5 pm

**How is the semester schedule broken down?**

- Students will be taking the following courses:

FSF 1310-Recruit Candidate Academy-	Fundamentals	8 credit hours
FSF 1320-Recruit Candidate Academy-	Skills	3 credit hours
FSF 1310-Recruit Candidate Academy-	Operations	3 credit hours
FSF 1340-Hazardous Materials First Responder		<u>3 credit hours</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17 credit hours</b>

**What is the tuition amount?**

Tuition: Please refer to [http://www.uvsc.edu/tuition/pdf/Tuition\\_Fees07-08.pdf](http://www.uvsc.edu/tuition/pdf/Tuition_Fees07-08.pdf)

Fees: Approximately \$ 400

Books, Equipment, and Supplies: Approximately \$ 300

**What other Emergency Services certificate and degree options are available?**

- One-year certificate- Paramedic
- One-year certificate- Firefighter Recruit Candidate
- Associate in Applied Science – Firefighter/Paramedic Specialization
- Associate in Applied Science- Fire Officer Specialization
- Associate in Science in Fire Science
- Bachelor of Science in Public Emergency Services Management
- Bachelor of Science in Technology Management with a Fire Science Specialty