The Fire Science Program at Collin College in McKinney, Texas began in 1986 and has grown to include a variety of professional qualification programs, such as, Fire Investigator, Fire Inspector, Volunteer Firefighter and Basic Firefighter.

Numerous continuing education courses for firefighters, both paid and volunteer, and industrial personnel, are offered to enhance the skills of fire service professional.

Basic Certification (Fire Academy) students experience the fire service first-hand at the on-campus fire station/training center. This joint venture with the City of McKinney is the first of its kind in the state of Texas and has proven a benefit to both the college and the city. A 95% hire rate for Fire Academy graduates draws students from around the state.

The new Fire-Rescue Training Complex features a 12,000 sq. ft. burn complex, driving course, classroom building and LPG fire props.

The firefighter with a well-balanced educational background will be better prepared to serve and protect the community. Collin College’s Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science is designed to give a broad perspective on various facets of providing fire protection. The program is applicable for students wishing to enter the fire service and for persons already employed as firefighters or in related career fields. Students acquire the technical knowledge needed to combat the fire problems created by modern living.

Full-time, full-paid firefighters employed by any political subdivision who are enrolled in fire science courses within Collin College's Fire Science program are exempt from paying tuition and laboratory fees. Students planning to transfer to a college or university should check with the Collin College academic advisor prior to beginning this program.

Students interested in enrolling in the Fire Academy should contact the Fire Science Office at 972.548.6836. Additional information may be obtained from the Director of Fire Science, the Health Sciences, Health, and Emergency Services Division Office, or at the Fire Science web site: http://www.collin.edu/firescience.
Career Opportunities

Today’s fire protection responsibilities provide new and exciting challenges in both the public and private sectors. Students enrolled in the Fire Science program prepare for occupations involving fire suppression, investigation, prevention, and education. These challenging job opportunities include:

• Fire Department Officer
• Fire Equipment Sales and Service Representative
• Firefighter
• Hazardous Material Team Member
• Industrial Fire Protection Technician
• Municipal Emergency Administrator
• Safety Technician