All Fire Students MUST:

- Take the Assessment Test for Reading, English, and Math. Rio Hondo does not accept assessment scores from other colleges.
- Be eligible for Math 50, English 101, and Reading 101 with the RHC assessment scores or by completing the prerequisite courses. You may take these classes at other colleges.
- Complete FTEC 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 with a “C” or better.
- Be EMT certified with the National Registry.
- Have an overall college GPA of 2.0.
- Make an appointment with a counselor, after you have your assessment test results and/or transcripts from your other colleges.

Please Note:

- Most individuals that have been hired recently have completed the fire academy including an associate's degree.
- Another phenomenon is that recent hires have been 25-30 yrs old.
- Very few get hired at 19-22 years old (with just the academy).

There are 2 approaches to the Fire Academy:

- Recent high school graduates and full time students should follow the Sample Educational Plan.
- Students attending college part time should take English, Math, Reading, EMT and the fire core classes, and then the academy. Take general education as time permits.

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