

# Public Safety Administration

The Public Safety Administration curriculum is designed to provide students, as well as practitioners, with knowledge and skills in the technical, managerial, and administrative areas necessary for entrance or advancement within various public safety and government organizations. Course work in diverse subject areas includes public safety administration and education, interagency operations, crisis leadership, government and agency financial management, professional standards, incident management, administrative law, and supervision, while providing a streamlined pathway that recognizes the value of previously earned skillsets and credentials within the public safety sector. Employment opportunities exist with fire departments, emergency management organizations, governmental agencies, industrial firms, private industries, insurance organizations, educational organizations, and through self-employment opportunities.

This degree has two tracks to tailor students' experience in their desired or current field of expertise. The Emergency and Fire Management track targets those who are working in Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services and aspire to move into leadership positions within their agencies. Similarly, the Fire Management track is designed for those who are currently working in the fire service and want to prepare for promotion in their career.

This degree is supported by faculty with relevant higher education credentials and public safety experience. Earning an Associate in Applied Science in Public Safety Administration will prepare practitioners for administrative duties, policy creation/revision, servant leadership, and crisis management which makes graduates highly employable.

## Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science Degree - Public Safety Administration is awarded by the college upon completion of this program. Students may select one of the following tracks within the program:

- Public Safety Administration - Emergency and Fire Services Track (A55480E) (p. 1)
- Public Safety Administration - Fire Management (A55480F) (p. 2)

## Admissions

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Some courses require placement tests prior to registration.
- Many courses have prerequisites or co-requisites; check the Courses section for details.

## Contact Information

The Public Safety Administration program is in the Public Safety and Transport Technology Division. For more information, contact the Public Safety Administration Program Chair, Michael Ripoll, at 704-330-2722 extension 7182.

## Public Safety Administration - Emergency and Fire Management Services Track (A55480E)

### General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
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Select one of the following courses: 3.0

COM 110	Introduction to Communication
COM 231	Public Speaking
ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines
ENG 113	Literature-Based Research
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

ART 111	Art Appreciation
ART 114	Art History Survey I
ART 115	Art History Survey II
HUM 120	Cultural Studies
HUM 130	Myth in Human Culture
MUS 110	Music Appreciation
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

POL 120	American Government
PSY 150	General Psychology

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I

### Major Requirements

Required courses:

ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
PAD 151	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0
PAD 252	Public Policy Analysis	3.0
PAD 254	Grant Writing	3.0

Select one from the following courses: 3.0

EPT 124	Emergency Management Services Law & Ethics
FIP 152	Fire Protection Law
PAD 152	Ethics in Government

Select one from the following courses: 3.0

FIP 228	Local Government Finance
PAD 251	Public Finance & Budgeting

Select one from the following courses: 3.0

CJC 170	Critical Incident Management for Public Safety
EPT 150	Incident Management

Select one from the following courses: 2.0

CJC 240	Law Enforcement Management & Supervision
EMS 235	EMS Management
FIP 276	Managing Fire Services

Track technical required courses: 21.0

CJC 162	Intelligence Analysis and Security Management
EPT 140	Emergency Management
EPT 210	Response & Recovery
FIP 132	Building Construction
FIP 240	Fire Service Supervision
FIP 248	Fire Service Personnel Administration
FIP 256	Municipal Public Relations

Select 9.0 credits from the following courses: 9.0

CJC 122	Community Policing
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CJC 212	Ethics & Community Relations	
CJC 215	Organization & Administration	
CJC 264	Policing in the 21st Century	
EMS 140	Rescue Scene Management	
EMS 110	EMT	
EMS 235	EMS Management	
FIP 146	Fire Protection Systems	
FIP 224	Fire Instructor I & II	
PST 171	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 172	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 173	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 174	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 175	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 176	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 177	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 178	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 179	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>

**Public Safety Administration - Fire Management (A55480F)**

**General Education Requirements**

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
Select one of the following:		3.0
COM 110	Introduction to Communication	
COM 231	Public Speaking	
ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	
ENG 113	Literature-Based Research	
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	
Select one of the following:		3.0
ART 111	Art Appreciation	
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
HUM 120	Cultural Studies	
HUM 130	Myth in Human Culture	
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	
Select one of the following:		3.0
POL 120	American Government	
PSY 150	General Psychology	
Select one of the following:		3.0
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I	

**Major Requirements**

ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
PAD 151	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0
PAD 252	Public Policy Analysis	3.0
PAD 254	Grant Writing	3.0
Select one of the following:		3.0
EPT 124	Emergency Management Services Law & Ethics	
FIP 152	Fire Protection Law	

PAD 152	Ethics in Government	
Select one from the following:		3.0
FIP 228	Local Government Finance	
PAD 251	Public Finance & Budgeting	
Select one from the following:		3.0
CJC 170	Critical Incident Management for Public Safety	
EPT 150	Incident Management	
Select one from the following:		2.0
CJC 240	Law Enforcement Management & Supervision	
EMS 235	EMS Management	
FIP 276	Managing Fire Services	

**Technical Requirements**

EPT 140	Emergency Management	3.0
FIP 120	Introduction to Fire Protection	3.0
FIP 132	Building Construction	3.0
FIP 140	Industrial Fire Protection	3.0
FIP 220	Fire Fighting Strategies	3.0
FIP 240	Fire Service Supervision	3.0
FIP 248	Fire Service Personnel Administration	3.0
Select 9.0 credits from the following:		9.0

EPT 210	Response & Recovery	
FIP 124	Fire Prevention & Public Education	
FIP 128	Detection and Investigation	
FIP 136	Inspections and Codes	
FIP 146	Fire Protection Systems	
FIP 221	Advanced Fire Fighting Strategies	
FIP 224	Fire Instructor I & II	
FIP 226	Fire Officer I & II	
FIP 229	Fire Dynamics and Combustion	
FIP 230	Chemistry of Hazardous Materials I	
FIP 231	Chemistry of Hazardous Materials II	
FIP 256	Municipal Public Relations	
FIP 277	Fire and Social Behavior	
CJC 122	Community Policing	
CJC 215	Organization & Administration	
EMS 110	EMT	
EMS 140	Rescue Scene Management	
WBL 111	Work-Based Learning I	
WBL 112	Work-Based Learning I	
PST 171	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 172	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 173	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 174	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 175	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 176	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 177	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 178	NCCCS Public Safety Training	
PST 179	NCCCS Public Safety Training	

<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>66</b>
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## There are no diplomas offered in this program.

### Public Safety Administration Certificates

Public Safety Administration certificates are awarded in the following areas:

- Public Safety Administration Certificate Specialization in Fire Management (C55480-C1) (p. 2)
- Public Safety Administration Certificate Specialization in Public Safety Administration (C55480-C5) (p. 3)

### Public Safety Administration Certificate Specialization in Fire Management (C55480-C1)

#### Major Requirements:

EPT 140	Emergency Management	3.0
PAD 151	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0
FIP 240	Fire Service Supervision	3.0
FIP 248	Fire Service Personnel Administration	3.0
FIP 276	Managing Fire Services	3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

### Public Safety Administration Certificate Specialization in Public Safety Administration (C55480-C5)

#### Major Requirements

CJC 240	Law Enforcement Management & Supervision	3.0
EPT 140	Emergency Management	3.0
PAD 151	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0
PAD 152	Ethics in Government	3.0
PAD 251	Public Finance & Budgeting	3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

### Public Safety Administration Suggested Course Sequences

The following is the suggested plan for when to take each course to complete the Associate in Applied Science degree, based on the program requirements of the 2024-2025 catalog. This is only a recommendation — you may take courses in another order upon consultation with your advisor. This plan is based on you starting with college-level math and English courses, starting your program in the fall, and attending full-time. You can also follow this sequence if you attend part-time. Speak with your academic advisor about the plan and any questions. This program might also offer diplomas or certificates; visit the catalog or contact the program for details. Visit the Academic Advising page for instructions on locating your assigned advisor: <https://www.cpsc.edu/academics/academic-advising>

- Public Safety Administration - Emergency & Fire Services (A55480E) (p. 3)
- Public Safety Administration - Fire Management (A55480F) (p. 2)

### Public Safety Administration - Fire & Emergency Services (A55480E)

Term I		Credits
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
PAD 151	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
EPT 140	Emergency Management	3.0
PSY 150 or POL 120	General Psychology or American Government	3.0
FIP 132	Building Construction	3.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

Term II		Credits
FIP 228	Local Government Finance	3.0
FIP 152	Fire Protection Law	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0
EPT 150	Incident Management	3.0
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I	4.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

Term III		Credits
Humanities/Fine Arts		3.0
PAD 252	Public Policy Analysis	3.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

Term IV		Credits
EPT 210	Response & Recovery	3.0
FIP 276	Managing Fire Services	3.0
FIP 248	Fire Service Personnel Administration	3.0
FIP 240	Fire Service Supervision	3.0
EMS 235	EMS Management	2.0

You may have completed a program certificate(s). Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.

<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
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Term V		Credits
FIP 256	Municipal Public Relations	3.0
PAD 254	Grant Writing	3.0
CJC 162	Intelligence Analysis and Security Management	3.0
CJC 215	Organization & Administration	3.0
CJC 212	Ethics & Community Relations	3.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>67</b>

### Public Safety Administration- Fire Management (A55480F)

Term I		Credits
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
PAD 151	Introduction to Public Administration	3.0
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0
FIP 120	Introduction to Fire Protection	3.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

Term II		Credits
FIP 124	Fire Prevention & Public Education	3.0
PAD 252	Public Policy Analysis	3.0
EPT 140	Emergency Management	3.0
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3.0
FIP 152	Fire Protection Law	3.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

Term III		Credits
FIP 276	Managing Fire Services	3.0
FIP 132	Building Construction	3.0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

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<b>Term IV</b>		
PAD 254	Grant Writing	3.0
FIP 228	Local Government Finance	3.0
PSY 150	General Psychology	3.0
FIP 220	Fire Fighting Strategies	3.0
FIP 136	Inspections and Codes	3.0
EPT 150	Incident Management	3.0

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<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>
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<b>Term V</b>		
FIP 140	Industrial Fire Protection	3.0
FIP 240	Fire Service Supervision	3.0
FIP 256	Municipal Public Relations	3.0
ART 111	Art Appreciation	3.0
FIP 248	Fire Service Personnel Administration	3.0

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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>67</b>
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