



Career Check for an AA, AAS, and Certificate in Fire Science

General Description

This program offers the graduate an Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) and Certificate, both of which provides education for a specific career. Graduates are prepared for the world of work upon successful completion of the program. While an AAS is not designed to transfer, it is possible to transfer to a four-year college if planned accordingly. Students planning to transfer should consult their faculty advisor before registering for classes to assure appropriate classes are selected.

Industry Trends

	<u>Jobs Per Region</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Local *	996	\$14.47
State	21,046	\$19.18
National	385,762	\$21.02

Note: Salaries are the median and are NOT starting wages. Also, pay and advancement are usually based on level of education. Therefore, earning a certificate or AAS could significantly affect pay.

Overall this career field is expected to increase by 19.75% by the year 2017.

For more detailed information on this career, visit www.bls.gov/oco/, <http://ded.mo.gov/researchandplanning/>, www.acinet.org, or <http://www.crowder.edu/careerservices.html>.

* Local includes 7 most SW counties in Missouri, 4 most NW counties in Arkansas, 3 most NE counties in Oklahoma, and 4 most SE counties in Kansas.

Career Options

Fire fighter	Fire prevention
First-line supervisor	Fire inspector/investigator

Internship Yes No

A three credit internship is required as part of the AAS degree program. Internships traditionally are unpaid work experience, but students can try to negotiate a paid work experience. For more information, contact the instructor. It is encouraged that students earning a certificate should also seek out an internship even though one is not required.

Co-op Yes No

Co-op Employment Opportunities help students combine classroom learning with real-world work experience where students can alternate classroom study with six-month periods of paid employment in jobs connected to their academic, career or personal interests.

Volunteer Yes No

Volunteering to work for a company with the intention of working without any pay except to gain experience.

Career & Transfer Services will coordinate with degree program departments to identify internship, co-op, and volunteer opportunities.

Employment Resources

For job listings and referrals, come to Career & Transfer Services, Newton Hall, Room 224.

Resume on file with Career & Transfer Services? Yes No

Log onto **greathires.org** to register with Missouri's Workforce Resource for access to thousands of Missouri jobs that can be searched for by title, skill set, field of study, or zip code? Yes No

**For further information, contact
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