



FRENCHTOWN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT RESIDENT PROGRAM

The Frenchtown Rural Fire District Resident Program offers highly motivated individuals an exciting opportunity to begin and develop a career in emergency services while gaining real world experience serving alongside professional Career and Volunteer Firefighters.

In cooperation with Helena College, located in Helena Montana, program participants will earn an Associate of Science Degree in Fire and Emergency Services.

Upon successful completion of the three-year program, graduates will be qualified to successfully pursue a career in emergency services. Many of our former Residents have transitioned to fulfilling careers and credit their success to our program.

The entire program is provided free of charge with 100% of the college tuition reimbursed upon successful program and degree completion in exchange for a three-year commitment to Frenchtown Rural Fire District that runs concurrently with program participation.



Associate of Science (A.S.) Fire and Emergency Services

The Helena College Fire and Emergency Services program is designed to prepare graduates for entry into the challenging and competitive field of fire and emergency services. The program concentrates on industry recognized certifications and the U.S. Fire Administration's Federal Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Curriculum, while also providing the student with a well-rounded general education and 4-year degree transfer opportunities. Successful students will be well-trained and qualified to enter and advance in careers with fire and emergency services agencies across Montana and around the country.

Upon successful completion of the A.S. program, a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate professional conduct by displaying a positive work ethic, flexibility, teamwork, physical fitness, safety consciousness, and sensitivity to diversity.
- Demonstrate basic fire fighter skills in the areas of structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, hazardous materials, and emergency response.
- Effectively communicate and interact in the workplace as well as in the community.
- Be able to function at the NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter I Level
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of fire protection systems, fire prevention, and technical rescue techniques.
- Be able to function at the NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter II Level

The cooperation between Helena College and Frenchtown Rural Fire District offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate of Science in Fire and Emergency Services while living and working in a fire station as a resident volunteer.

Benefits of the Residency Program can include:

- Room and board
- Full tuition reimbursement upon successful completion of program
- Additional training opportunities
- Agency affiliation
- Long lasting professional and personal relationships
- Invaluable experience gained through active 911 response

Please note that the admissions processes for the Frenchtown Resident Program and Helena College are separate and independent from one another and that admission into one does not guarantee acceptance into the other.

For more information, please contact:

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Frenchtown Rural Fire District - Training Course Outline

YEAR 1

NREMT
IFSAC/PRO BOARD
NWCG
NFPA

EMT Basic
FSTS Firefighter 1
Basic Wildland Firefighter S-130
Low Angle Rescue Operations

YEAR 2

IFSAC/ PRO BOARD
NFPA
NWCG
NFPA
Helena College

FSTS Firefighter 2
Ice Rescue Technician
Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior S-290
Swift Water Rescue
Semester 1 & 2

YEAR 3

MONTANA STATE
NWCG
IFSAC/PRO BOARD
Helena College

EMT Endorsements
Engine/Crew Boss S-230/231
Driver Operator
Semester 3 & 4

