



Memorandum

To: Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: October 23, 2014

Subject: Updated Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): Fire Fighter

I am pleased to announce the update of two Career-Technical Articulation Numbers (CTANs): Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II. This update was completed through the Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI), a collaboration between the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Updating these CTANs was necessary in order to align ODE Content Standards and post-secondary learning outcomes with the current certification requirements set by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS).

I want to emphasize that while this update ensures secondary content standards align with post-secondary learning outcomes, the curricula of approved Fire Fighter programs operating at any level throughout the state still must align with ODPS requirements.

Surveys were sent out to members of the University System of Ohio for endorsement, and the following CTANs have been approved:

Fire Fighter I: CTFF002 = 7 semester hours
Fire Fighter II: CTFF003 = 11 semester hours*

* Unless previous credit was earned for Firefighter I in which case the balance of 11 semester hours will be awarded

The updated CTANs can be found at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/ctags>. Since the CTANs for Fire Fighter I and II have changed, all approved programs will need to be matched to and meet the credit hour requirements of the new CTANs. Institutions will need to expire their previous matches with the date of Spring 2015. Directions for expiring matches are attached. Courses need to be matched to the new CTANs and submitted to OBR for review. The submitted courses must take into account the changes in credit hours.

Institutions without current Fire Fighter CTAG approval will still need to go through the submission process in order to receive program approval.

I would like to thank all of those involved in this update for their dedication and support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tonya Ervin at 614-387-1022 or tervin@regents.state.oh.us.