



## **Public Safety Equivalent Credit Request Form**

### **Section I:**

Students who have completed one or more of the following certifications through the Bucks County Community College Public Safety Training Program may be eligible for equivalent college credit for approved courses in their program of study when they meet requirements outlined in Section II below:

- Fire Company Officer 3, NFPA 1021 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Board)
- Fire Inspector 2, NFPA 1031 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Board)
- Fire Investigator , NFPA 1033 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Based)
- Fire Fighter 1, NFPA 1001 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Board)
- Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, NFPA 472 Certification (IFSCA or Pro-Board)
- Hazardous Materials Technician, NFPA 472 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Board)
- Health and Safety Officer and Incident Safety Officer, NFPA 1521 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Board)
- Plans Examiner 2, NFPA 1031 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Board)
- Public Fire and Life Safety Education 2, NFPA 1035 Certification (IFSAC or Pro-Based)

### **Section II:**

Students who have earned one or more of the above certification(s) from Bucks County Community College and meet the following requirements may be eligible for equivalent college credit for approved courses in their program of study:

- Submit a Prior Learning Assessment application
- Be enrolled in one of the approved Public Safety Programs housed in the Department of Business and Innovation at Bucks and have either completed a semester at Bucks or be registered for at least one course in that program as of the end of the Schedule Adjustment Period for the semester or session
- Be in good financial standing with Bucks
- Students must meet Bucks graduation residency requirements. Graduation residency requirements for degree seeking students include the completion of a minimum of thirty (30) credits of Bucks internal college-level coursework for the associate degree. Students pursuing studies in Fire Science having completed Industry Certifications through the College's Public Safety Training and Certification Department will have applicable PLA applied as internal credits. Internal credits include graded courses as well as non- traditional credits with the grades of CX, CL, or LE. For the Associate's degree, a minimum of fifteen (15) credits must be in college-level graded courses at Bucks. Students pursuing an academic certificate in in either Fire Science or Fire Prevention & Investigation must complete a minimum of twelve (12) credits in college-level graded courses at Bucks. Students may transfer a maximum of thirty (30) degree-related credits to a Bucks Degree Program. Transfer credits are external credits and include credits from all postsecondary institutions. Please check with the PLA advisor if you have transfer credits and/or other PLA credits counting toward your degree. The PLA advisor can help to determine if you will meet residency requirements and if PLA equivalent credits can be applied to your degree.

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**Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the above information, have completed a certification(s) through the Bucks Public Safety and Training Program, and have submitted a PLA application and an official copy of your certification(s).**

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**Signature**

**Date**

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