

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Fire Science

I. Purpose

Bucks County Technical High School (BCTHS) and Bucks County Community College (BCCC) agree to collaborate in the planning, execution, and evaluation of a program in the area of Fire Science.

The objective of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop a knowledge and skill base, complete course work, and earn college credit toward an Associate Degree with a major in Fire Science.

II. Program Specifications

- A. Credits Earned** – The BCCC courses which correspond to the competencies achieved while enrolled in the Fire Science Program at BCTHS are titled as follows:

CRIJ100	Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice	3 credits*
FRSC101	Fire Fighting Strategy and Tactics	3 credits
HLTH140	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1 credit
PUBS101	Introduction to Emergency Management/Public Safety	3 credits*

* Can be used to satisfy elective requirements for the program of study

- B. Application for Credit** – To receive college credit the student shall do or cause to be done the following:

1. Complete all the requirements of the Fire Science Program at BCTHS.
2. Be a high school graduate.
3. Follow regular College admissions procedures, and, in addition, request from his/her vocational school an official copy of his/her competencies sheet to be sent to the College Admissions Office.
4. Request (in writing) that the Assistant Academic Dean of the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology at the College evaluate his/her competency forms for possible college credit under the terms of this partnership agreement.
5. Students must be enrolled in a fire science related program of study at

BCCC for the semester in which the credit is granted. These credits become part of the student's official transcript once BCCC officially accepts the student.

6. Students must have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

III. Operational Considerations

A. BCCC and BCTHS shall be mutually in agreement to the following:

1. BCCC and BCTHS are committed to providing equal educational opportunities. This encompasses persons in legally protected classifications and others in regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, age, and religion as well as disabled military veterans. Each party will be responsible for its own compliance with the discrimination laws.

B. Bucks County Community College agrees to the following:

1. The Assistant Academic Dean of the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology will recommend to the Dean of Academic and Curricular Services the course(s) for which credit shall be granted.
2. After making the decision, the Dean will advise the Assistant Academic Dean of the Mathematics, Science and Technology Department as to the number of credits the student will receive under the agreement.
3. High School competency forms will be considered valid for two years after the student's high school graduation. Competency forms may be considered valid for up to four years from date of graduation if the applicant can document military experience or related work experience which occurred subsequent to the date of high school graduation.

C. Bucks County Technical High School agrees to the following:

1. Students will be made aware of the basis of availability of the partnership program for future college credit.
2. Submit a list of students recommended for consideration in this program annually.
3. Transcripts and competencies will be dated and signed by the respective BCTHS officials.
4. BCTHS will maintain and, on request of students, send official copies of transcripts/competencies to BCCC.

