VERDUGO FIRE ACADEMY
FACT SHEET

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Currently Accepting Applications for our next class!

Class XXVIII - 2025

Application deadline:	**Continuous and ongoing until the class is full (50 Cadets)**
Application due date for XXVIII:	October 25, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
Acceptance notifications:	November 1, 2024
Deadline to accept position:	November 5, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
Alternate applicant notifications:	November 8, 2024
Mandatory Orientation:	**November 14, 2024** (Thursday evening 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Deadline to pay fees:	See VFA 2025 Estimated Fee Schedule
Tentative start date:	**Thursday, January 9, 2025**
Tentative completion date:	December 14, 2025
Tentative graduation date:	January 10, 2026

- The **Verdugo Fire Academy** is a partnership of Glendale Community College and the Glendale Fire Department. The Verdugo Fire Academy is a State Board of Fire Services Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) and Firefighter 1 and 2 Fire Academy.

- **Prerequisite** – Completion of 'Public Safety First Aid and CPR (CA Health and Safety Code 1797.182). Glendale College EMT139, a *current and valid National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) card, or a current and valid California State EMT card meet this requirement.*

- **Recommended** classes and experience that have proven to contribute to successful completion of the fire academy program; NR-EMT, Cal-JAC C-PAT, FCTC Written exam & FCTC State Eligibility List, Fire 101, Fire 102, Fire 103, Fire 104, Fire 105, Fire 106, Fire 144, Fire Department Explorer, and Military experience.

- Total units available: Fire 116 - 4.0, Fire 117 - 12.0, Fire 118 – 7.0, Fire 119 – 12.0 for a total of **35 Units**

- Estimated overall cost - $4,823.00 (see Estimated Fee Schedule – Class XXVIII – 2025)

- Class days – Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holiday weekends off (see tentative Class XXVIII - 2025 schedule).

- Class duration – 12-months, 824 hours. Includes lecture, lab, arduous physical activity, live fire exercises, and California Office of the State Fire Marshal Firefighter 1 & 2 certification testing.

- A current CFFJAC C-PAT (Candidate Physical Abilities test) and a current NREMT certification required to be eligible for registration into Block 4 - Fire 119 (pre-requisite for Fire 119).

- Recruiting for the Verdugo Fire Academy is open and continuous. Applications are accepted year-round and can be downloaded by visiting our web site at glendale.edu/fire. Classes fill early. Don't wait to secure your spot.

- To make an appointment to discuss the Verdugo Fire Academy Program and submit your application, contact Program Specialist Victor Castellanos, victorc@glendale.edu (818) 240-1000 ext. 5326.

- If you are interested in learning about GCC's other academic programs, please reach out to the Career Education Counselor, Marisela Canela mcanela@glendale.edu (818) 240-1000 ext. 5847.

To meet our academy instructors and talk with a current VFA cadet, you are invited to attend our next Career Planning and Information Seminar. Seminars are FREE! Visit our web site for more info.

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