



# VERDUGO FIRE ACADEMY

ACCREDITED REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM - ARTP  
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## INFORMATION SHEET

### CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS XXIX - 2026

Application deadline:	Continuous and ongoing until the class is full (50 Cadets)
Application due date for XXIX:	October 24, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.
Acceptance notifications:	October 31, 2025
Deadline to accept position:	November 7, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.
Alternate applicant notifications:	November 13, 2025
<b>Mandatory Orientation:</b>	<b>November 13, 2025</b> (Thursday evening 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
Deadline to pay fees:	See VFA 2026 Estimated Fee Schedule
<b>Tentative start date:</b>	<b>Thursday, January 8, 2026</b>
Tentative completion date:	December 6, 2026
Tentative graduation date:	January 9, 2027

- 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 - \$5,028.00 (see Estimated Fee Schedule - Class XXIX - 2026)
- 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 XXIX - 2026 schedule).
- Class duration - 12-months, 808 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 IV - Fire 119 (These qualifications are a 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [glendale.edu/fire](http://glendale.edu/fire).