

Chattanooga State Community College and Middle Tennessee State University

# DEGREE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

## ADVANCE FROM AN A.A.S. TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

### Chattanooga State Community College and Middle Tennessee State University Partnership

MTSU and ChSCC have developed an A.A.S.-to-B.S. program to allow students who earn an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology at ChSCC to transfer the majority of those credits to MTSU toward the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership. This degree is offered through MTSU's University College in cooperation with the Tennessee Board of Regents.

### Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership prepares the student for management positions in fire science technology. The component courses are in the fields of supervision, organizational systems, communications, statistics, and organizational relations. Other applicable courses include public relations, psychology, business etiquette, human resources, and cultural diversity, providing a broad spectrum of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers.

Completing an A.A.S. in Fire Science Technology at Chattanooga State Community College builds an excellent foundation for a bachelor's degree program. Sixty (60) credit hours may be transferred from ChSCC and credited toward a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies with a concentration in Organizational Leadership, available through MTSU's University College. You may take some or all of the courses required to complete the bachelor's degree online to allow your studies to fit around your work and family.

### How to get started

Contact the ChSCC or MTSU representative listed below.

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For more information about the Degree Advancement Program, please visit

Chattanooga State Community College: [www.chattanoogastate.edu](http://www.chattanoogastate.edu)

Middle Tennessee State University: [www.mtsu.edu/dap](http://www.mtsu.edu/dap)

(see reverse for course information)



# A.A.S. in Fire Science Technology to B.S. in Professional Studies



Associate of Applied Science  
in Fire Science Technology  
(Fire Suppression Concentration)



Bachelor of Science in  
Professional Studies  
(Organizational Leadership Concentration)

## English / Speech Credits

- ☐ ENGL 1010 English Composition I 3
- ☐ SP 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

## Humanities

- ☐ Humanities Elective (must meet general requirements) 3

## Mathematics

- ☐ Mathematics Elective (MATH 1410 not acceptable) 3

## Natural Sciences

- ☐ Natural Sciences Elective (must meet general requirements) 4

## Social/Behavioral Sciences

- ☐ Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective 3

## Major Core Courses

- ☐ FI 111 Introduction to Emergency Services 3
- ☐ FI 113 Fire Protection Systems 3
- ☐ FI 114 Building Construction for Fire Science 3
- ☐ FI 116 Fire Fighting Tactics and Strategy I 3
- ☐ FI 124 Fire Fighting Tactics and Strategy II 3
- ☐ FI 140 Legal Aspects of the Fire Service 3
- ☐ FI 215 Fire Behavior and Combustion 3
- ☐ FI 260 Fire Prevention and Inspection 3
- ☐ FI 262 Fire Causes and Investigation 3

## Electives

- ☐ Technical Electives 14

**Please Note:** Technical electives totaling fourteen (14) hours must be selected from courses with the following prefixes: EA, FI, HZ, MG, OS. Alternatively, students who plan to transfer to a four-year program may, with advisor approval, use their technical elective hours to take additional general education courses needed to satisfy requirements for the bachelor's degree. Students with current state or national licensure as emergency medical technicians may be eligible for advanced standing credit toward the technical elective requirement. See program advisor for details.

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Total Credit Hours 60

### Graduation Requirements

- A minimum of 120 total semesters hours and 45 upper-division hours with a 2.0 GPA.
- A minimum of 9 upper-division hours earned in major through MTSU.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 in major.
- A minimum of 30 upper-division hours must be taken through MTSU.
- A minimum of 60 hours of senior college hours.

MTSU will accept up to 27 credit hours from courses commonly offered in a college of business toward the B.S. in Professional Studies. This does not include ECON 2410, 2420, or QM 2610. Business courses are subject to verification. The Professional Studies degree from MTSU is part of the Regents Online Degree Program and is managed by MTSU's University College. It is NOT a business degree. Concentrations taken at ChSCC requiring more than these 27 hours will result in the student taking more than 120 hours to complete the Professional Studies major at MTSU.

## English Credits

- ☐ ENGL 1020 Research and Arg. Writing (MTSU) 3
- or ENGL 1020 English Composition II (RODP) 3

## History\*

6

## Humanities and/or Fine Arts\*

6

## Natural Sciences\*

4

## Social/Behavioral Sciences\*

3

## Administration and Supervision (choose one)

- ☐ PADM 3601 Public Administration 3
- ☐ METH 4381 Principles of Supervision 3
- ☐ LIST 4093 Special Topics in Leadership 3
- ☐ MGMT 3610 Principles of Management 3

## Organizational Systems (choose one)

- ☐ PM 4120 Organizations Theory and Behavior 3
- ☐ PADM 4226 Intro. to Nonprofit Organizations 3

## Team and Organizational Relations (choose one)

- ☐ ORCO 3240 Intro. to Organizational Communication 3
- ☐ COMM 3010 Integrated Corporate Communication 3
- ☐ COMM 4410 Conflict Resolution and Negotiation 3

## Statistical Methods (choose one)

- ☐ SOAA 3350 Social Statistics 3
- ☐ SOCI 4510 Introduction to Social Research 3
- ☐ JOUR 3410 Public Relations Research 3

## Written Communications (choose two)

- ☐ ENGL 3134 Computers, Writing, and Literature 3
- ☐ ENGL 3250 Professional Communication 3
- ☐ JOUR 3421 Public Relations Writing 3

## International Context (choose one)

- ☐ SPAN 3550 Latin America: Countries and Peoples 3
- ☐ POLI 4350 International Law 3
- ☐ PS 3510 International Political Economy 3
- ☐ POLS 3010 Comparative Politics 3
- ☐ JOUR 4712 Mass Media and Cultures 3

## Organizational Leadership Concentration (choose five)

- ☐ BMGT 3600 International Management 3
- ☐ BMGT 3630 Human Resources Management 3
- ☐ MGMT 4547 Corporate Etiquette 3
- ☐ COMM 3560 Intercultural Communication 3
- ☐ JOUR 3400 Introduction to Public Relations 3
- ☐ JOUR 4420 Public Relations Case Studies 3
- ☐ LDSP 3000 Leadership Development 3
- ☐ PADM 4401 Comparative Public Administration 3
- ☐ PSY 3590 Personality 3
- ☐ PSYC 3210 Abnormal Psychology 3
- ☐ SW 3170 Family Caregiving Across the Life Span 3
- ☐ SW 3200 Cultural Diversity: Competency for Practice 3

## Capstone Course

- ☐ UNIV 4995 Culminating Project 3

## Electives\* (3000/4000 level)

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Total Credit Hours 67

\*Students should consult with their MTSU advisors to determine courses that fulfill program requirements. A list of course options is available on the Degree Advancement Program website at [www.mtsu.edu/dap](http://www.mtsu.edu/dap).