

2025 OSFM QUALIFICATION SCHOOL

INFORMATION GUIDE



2025 Qualification School Schedule

- **January 21-22, 2025** **Cape Fear Community College**
- **February 10-11, 2025** **Pitt Community College**
- **April 28-29, 2025** **Western Piedmont CC**
- **May 5-6, 2025** **Johnston Community College**
- **August 5-6, 2025** **Wake Tech Community College**
- **September 8-9, 2025** **Catawba Valley Community College**
- **October 27-28, 2025** **Brunswick Community College**
- **November 17-18, 2025** **Forsyth Community College**

Firefighter Only Qualification Schools
Written Exam Only Qualification Schools

Qualification School Firefighter I/II Only

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To Register:

1. Visit your OSFM24 Profile

Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

Account Information
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**Fire and Rescue Training
Registration**
Print Certificate
Print Training Certificate
Q School Test Registration
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2. Select the link for "Fire and Rescue Training Registration"

3. Locate the session listings for "04Q0179 - Firefighter I & II NFPA 1001 2019 edition"

****The session time you choose will be your scheduled testing time. ****

10/03/2023 09:00 AM, Guilford Tech Community College- Public Safety Bldg, Room 127, Course: 04Q0179 - Firefighter I & II NFPA 1001 2019 edition
10/03/2023 01:00 PM, Guilford Tech Community College- Public Safety Bldg, Room 127, Course: 04Q0179 - Firefighter I & II NFPA 1001 2019 edition
10/24/2023 08:30 AM, FTCC Emergency Training Center, Course: 04Q0142 - TR Trench Rescue NFPA 1006 2013 edition Chapter 8
10/25/2023 08:00 AM, Johnston Community College, Course: TRD0030 - NC OSFM Instructor III

Course Schedule Detail

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Available Exams

- Aircraft Rescue Firefighter
- Driver Operator Aerials
- Driver Operator Pumps
- Driver Operator MWS
- Emergency Vehicle Driver
- Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II, III
- Fire Instructor I, II
- Fire Investigation Technician
- Fire Officer I, II
- Hazardous Materials Operations
- Marine Firefighting for Land Based FF
- NFA Qualifications
- Rescue Officer
- Technical Rescuer

TO REGISTER

- **Visit OSFM 24**
- **Select the option for "Q School Test Registration"**
- **Select your chosen date and test session time**
- **Select the appropriate "Exam Type"**
- **Select your desired exam**

****Max of two exams allowed per session****

General Information

Scheduling:

Instructor Candidates will now select their own test date and session time. When registering, please make note of the date and time that you selected.



Registration Information:

- Instructor Candidates may register for a *maximum of two exams per test session*.
- Instructor Candidates may not attempt the same qualification exam more than once at each qualification school location.
- Sessions are available for registration until all seats are filled.
- Once a session is full, a waitlist will be generated for that session.
- Candidates who are waitlisted for a session may still submit a registration for another open session.
- Candidates will receive a schedule reminder email at the 30-day and 15-day out marks.
- Candidates may cancel a registration, without penalty, up until their scheduled test time.
- Failure to cancel prior to testing will result in a "No Show" penalty that removes existing registrations and prevents the candidate from attending Qualification School for six months.

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Common Questions

Q: Why can't I find the exam I am looking for?

- If you are registering for a Written Exam only Q School, be sure that you have chosen the correct "Exam Type". (Qualification/Special School/Certification
- If you are trying to register for a FF qualification, please use the appropriate registration link.

Q: What does my registration status mean?

- **Approved/Accepted:** You meet the requirements for qualification and your registration has been secured.
- **Denied/Not Accepted:** You do not meet the requirements for qualification and your registration has not been accepted. The reason for the denial will be provided in the registration status message.
- **Denied/Waitlisted:** You meet the requirements for qualification but the session that you selected is already full and you have been added to the waitlist. You may sign up for another open session or see if a future cancellation results in your status being updated to approved. If you are waitlisted, please do not report to Q School for that session. We will not be able to accommodate you.

Q: Who can I contact for assistance?

If you have any questions or need assistance, you may contact:

Paul Ward, Region 2 Certification Specialist
paul.ward@ncdoi.gov

Katherine M. Burton, Region 5 Certification Specialist
katherine.burton@ncdoi.gov

04Q0179 - Firefighter I and II NFPA 1001 2019 edition

Prerequisites:

- Firefighter II certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- Practical Skills Testing administered following written testing.
- Practical skills will be selected at random from the list of practicals provided.
- Candidate must pass Performance Practical with 70% or above.
- Candidate must pass Evaluation Practical Skill and score 100%

Required Equipment:

- NFPA Approved Full Structural Firefighting Gear, NFPA Approved SCBA with Spare Cylinder (current hydro date) SCBA Face Piece
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Textbook Reference:

- Jones and Bartlett: Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response (Fourth Edition)
- ISBN: 9781284151336 | © 2019 | 1360 pages

Rapid Intervention Crew- BES Participants ONLY

Any instructor who successfully completes NC Breathing Equipment School from July 1, 2016 - forward, is eligible to attempt the written exam for Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Certification and Qualification. Exams are offered at OSFM Firefighter Only Qualification Schools.



Prerequisites:

- Candidate must be certified Instructor Level I
 - Candidate must be a current qualified Firefighter Instructor
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Qualification Testing:

- Candidate must score at least 80% on the written exam to pass.
- Passing the exam will give the student RIC certification and qualification.
- If the candidate fails the written exam they can sign up for the next, open scheduled qualification school.
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04Q0178 - Airport Firefighter 2019 NFPA 1003 edition

Prerequisites:

- Airport Firefighter certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA: Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (Sixth Edition)
ISBN: 9780879395841 | © 2015 | 638 pages

04Q0182 - Dr/Op Aerials NFPA 1002 2017 edition

Prerequisites:

- Driver Operator Aerials certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 50 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skills required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA: Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook (Third Edition)

ISBN: 9780879395711 | © 2015 | 828 pages

Chapters 16-20

04Q0180 - Dr/Op EVD NFPA 1002 2017¹ edition

Prerequisites:

- Driver Operator EVD certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 50 questions.
 - A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
 - No practical skill completion required.
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Textbook Reference:

IFSTA: Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook (Third Edition)

ISBN: 9780879395711 | © 2015 | 828 pages

Chapters 1 - 4

04Q0183 - Dr/Op MWS NFPA 1002 2017 edition

Prerequisites:

- Driver Operator EVD certified for three (3) years
- Driver Operator MWS certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 50 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA: Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook (Third Edition)

ISBN: 9780879395711 | © 2015 | 828 pages

Chapters 16-20

04Q0181 - Dr/Op Pumps NFPA 1002 2017 edition

Prerequisites:

- Driver Operator Pumps certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skills required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA: Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook (Third Edition)

ISBN: 9780879395711 | © 2015 | 828 pages

Chapters 1 ,2, 5-15

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I, NFPA 1041, 2019 edition

Prerequisites:

- Instructor Indoctrination course
- Candidate must meet one of the following scenarios:
 - Instructor I certified for five (5) years, and Associates Degree OR Instructor I certified for three (3) years, and Bachelors Degree
- Contact your Certification Specialist to register.



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 9th Edition
ISBN: 9780879396961 | © 2018 | 433 pages

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor II, NFPA 1041, 2019 edition

Prerequisites:

- Instructor Indoctrination course
- Candidate must meet one of the following scenarios:
 - Instructor II certified for five (5) years, and Associates Degree OR Instructor II certified for three (3) years, and Bachelors Degree.
- Must be Instructor I Qualified
- Contact your Certification Specialist to register.



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA - Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 9th Edition
ISBN: 9780879396961 | © 2018 | 433 pages

04Q0165 - Fire and Life Safety Educator Level 1 NFPA 1035 2015 edition

Prerequisites:

- Fire and Life Safety Educator, Level I certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 75 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

Jones & Bartlett - Fire and Life Safety Educator: Principles and Practices, 2nd edition.

ISBN: 9781284041972 | © 2018 | 424 pages

Chapters 1 - 11

04Q0166 - Fire and Life Safety Educator Level 2 NFPA 1035 2015 edition

Prerequisites:

- Fire and Life Safety Educator, Level II certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 50 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

Jones & Bartlett - Fire and Life Safety Educator: Principles and Practices, 2nd edition.

ISBN: 9781284041972 | © 2018 | 424 pages

Chapters 12-16

04Q0167 - Fire and Life Safety Educator Level 3 NFPA 1035 2015 edition

Prerequisites:

- Fire and Life Safety Educator, Level III certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 50 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

Jones & Bartlett - Fire and Life Safety Educator: Principles and Practices, 2nd edition.

ISBN: 9781284041972 | © 2018 | 424 pages

Chapters 17-19

Fire Investigation Technician

Prerequisites:

- FIT certified for five (5) years
- Instructor Level II certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

Jones and Bartlett - Fire Investigator: Principles and Practice to NFPA 921 and 1033, Sixth Edition
ISBN:9781284247053 | © 2023 | 480 pages

04Q0197 - Fire Officer Level 1 NFPA 1021 2020 edition

Prerequisites:

- Fire Officer I certified for five (5) years
- Instructor Level II certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA Fire & Emergency Services Company Officer,
Sixth Edition
ISBN: 978-0-87939-650-3

04Q0198 - Fire Officer Level 2 NFPA 1021 2020 edition

Prerequisites:

- Fire Officer II certified for five (5) years
- Instructor Level II certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course
- Must have 04Q0197 - Fire Officer Level 1



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
 - A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
 - No practical skill completion required.
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Textbook Reference:

IFSTA Fire & Emergency Services Company Officer,
Sixth Edition
ISBN: 978-0-87939-650-3

04Q0186 - Hazmat Ops NFPA 1072 2017 edition

Prerequisites:

- Hazmat Level I/ Hazmat Ops certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 100 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- Practical Skills Testing will be administered following completion of written testing.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for Practical Skills Evaluations.
- Certified Hazardous Materials Technicians are not required to complete practical skills.**

Textbook Reference:

Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response (Fourth Edition) ISBN: 9781284151336 | © 2019 |
OR

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations (Third Edition)
ISBN: 9781284140705 | © 2019 | 482 pages

04Q0177 - Marine Fire fighting for Land-Based Firefighters NFPA 1005 2019 edition

Prerequisites:

- Marine Firefighter certified for three (3) years
- Instructor Level I certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 50 questions.
- A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
- No practical skill completion required.

Textbook Reference:

IFSTA: Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Firefighters
(Third Edition) ISBN: 978-0-87939-641-1 | © 2019 | 367 pages

National Fire Academy Qualifications

Prerequisites:

- Completion of NFA Course
- Instructor Level II certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam
 - Number of questions vary by qualification.
 - A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
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Textbook Reference:

NFA Course Materials

04Q0147 - Rescue Officer

Prerequisites:

- Rescue Officer certified for five(5) years
- Instructor Level II certified
- Instructor Indoctrination course



Qualification Testing:

- Written exam is 75 questions.
 - A grade of 80% or greater is required for the written exam.
 - No practical skill completion required.
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Textbook Reference:

North Carolina Lesson Plans

Technical Rescuer, NFPA 1006, 2021 edition



Qualification Testing:

Information regarding available TR Instructor qualifications for 2025 will be available on our website.
