

Fire/EMT Certification  
to Associate Degree  
Programs Articulation  
Agreement

This articulation agreement, which is effective on the date of the final signature, provides transfer admission opportunities for graduates of Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) who are academically qualified and interested in completing an associate's degree at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). Students must receive their Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, HazMat Ops, and EMT Basic Certificate and obtain licensure to practice in order to transfer 28 credits to Northwestern Michigan College. Students can complete an additional 16 or more general education credits and 16 or more general elective credits through Northwestern Michigan College, as specified in the accompanying degree plan table, for an Associate in General Studies.

Terms of Agreement:

1. The Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) Program students (graduates) accepted to Northwestern Michigan College will receive 16 credits for the successful completion of their EMT-B Certificate and 12 credits for their Firefighter 1 & 2 certification deemed comparable (based on current course description information, course requirements, and agreement by the representatives of the respective programs) to current Northwestern Michigan College courses. (See accompanying degree plan table for transfer equivalents.)
2. Based on placement testing, the NWRTC graduate may be required to complete a developmental course in English prior to enrolling in a program's graduation requirements in that discipline. Also, the NWRTC graduate must complete all prerequisite courses for upper-level courses.
3. This agreement shall include those students who are currently enrolled in the Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) commencing in May 2023 and thereafter. (Prior graduates may be admitted on an individual basis.)
4. Northwestern Michigan College and Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for an initial period of three (3) years. In addition, parties agree to notify one another of program changes that might affect the transfer of students under this agreement. Renewal will be for three years unless either party notifies the other in writing by December 31 of

the year preceding the last year of the Agreement of their intention to renegotiate or not to renew this Agreement.

5. Both organizations agree to permit the use of each other's names in print and media advertising for the purpose of marketing the programs, described herein. All materials must be approved by the respective communications and/or marketing offices at the partner institution.

6. Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) agrees to provide to Northwestern Michigan College student information for the express purpose of contacting Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) graduates directly regarding the degree program between the two institutions described in this Articulation Agreement in compliance with all state and federal laws.

7. This agreement is predicated on the satisfactory, and continued, accreditation of Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) by the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services Firefighter Training Division and the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) and Northwestern Michigan College recognizing the importance of providing seamless coordination between the respective institutions, hereby enter into an Articulation Agreement.

We, the undersigned, as the representatives of Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC) and Northwestern Michigan College, hereby demonstrate our commitment to full implementation of the Agreement.



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Chief James Tuller  
Board Chair  
Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center

12/11/2023

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Date



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Stephen N. Siciliano, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Educational Services  
Northwestern Michigan College

12/7/2023

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Date

**Northwest Michigan Regional Fire Training Center (NWRTC)  
and Northwestern Michigan College Degree Plan  
Table for Articulation Agreement**

EMT Basic - Lecture is 116 hours

EMT Basic - Lab is 100 hours

EMT Basic - Clinical is 48 hours

Firefighter 1 - Lecture is 80 hours

Firefighter 1 – Lab is 104 hours

Firefighter 2 - Lecture is 24 hours

Firefighter 2 – Lab is 12 hours

HazMat Ops - Lecture is 16 hours

HazMat Ops - Lab is 16 hours

Fire Inspector - Lecture is 64 hours

**Totals:**

EMT Basic: 264 hours = 16 credits

Firefighter 1 & 2 with HazMat Ops: 252 hours = 12 credits

Total: 28 credits

NFPA Fire Inspector 64 hours = 3 credits

Students-who complete the courses outlined above and who earn an EMT-B and Firefighter 1 & 2 with HazMat Ops Certificate will earn 28 credits, with an additional 3 credits for those who also complete the NFPA Certified Fire Inspector towards the **Associate in General Studies** requirements described below:

**Communications**

4 credits of ENG 111 English Composition 3-4 credits of either ENG 220, BUS 231, or ENG 112

**Humanities**

3 credits of Group 1 Humanities courses.

**Science**

3-4 credits of a Group 1 Science lecture/lab course.

**Social Science**

3 credits of Group 1 Social Science courses.

**Electives**

19 credits of Elective Courses.

**Major Area Requirements:** 28 or more earned occupational semester credits. This credit is earned from the EMT-B and Firefighter 1 & 2 Certificate.

**Total Degree Credits: Minimum of 60**

Math Competency Required. Mathematics Requirement: Math Competency may be fulfilled by completing MTH 100 Quantitative Literacy with a grade of 2.0 or better, or placement into any math course higher than MTH 100 Quantitative Literacy.

Reading Competency Required: Guide available from academic advisors.

Other Requirements:

- Complete at least 60 credit hours with a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average. A model schedule can be found on the NMC website.
- Complete a minimum of 15 of the 60 credits at NMC.
- Apply for graduation by completing the Graduation Application available online or in the Records & Registration Office
- Request official documents from the Bureau of Fire Services System Maintenance of Knowledge and Education (SMOKE).
- Submit a copy of your EMT license directly to the NMC Records & Registration Office.