UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Request for New Occupational Endorsement
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EMERGENCY SERVICES:
Wildland Fire Science

11 credits minimum

Submitted by
UAF Community & Technical College
College of Rural and Community Development
April 2012
C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL SIGNATURES

Review:

Advisory Council Representative

Program Head

Director, Interior Alaskan Campus

Dean of School/College

Dean CRCD

Approval:

Curricular Affairs Committee Chair,
College of Rural and Community Development

Dean/Vice Chancellor
College of Rural and Community Development

President, UAF faculty Senate
II. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ENDORSEMENT

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENDORSEMENT

1. Occupational Endorsement Title:

Wildland Fire Science Occupational Endorsement

2. Admission Requirements and Prerequisites:

Admission is open to all individuals with an interest in pursuing a career in Wildland Fire. This includes students that are new to the field as well as students who are currently involved in Wildland Fire in some capacity.

Students must have a high school diploma or GED, or be enrolled in a university sponsored Tech Prep or Early College program. No previous training or work experience is required, although some familiarity with wildland fire work and the strength to operate a wildland chainsaw and pump is recommended.

3. Course Descriptions:

FIRE F151 3 credits
Wildland Firefighter I
Designed to provide entry-level wildland firefighters the skills and knowledge to safely function as a member of a firefighting crew. Course includes fundamental knowledge of wildland fire organization, fire behavior, suppression methods, safety, and the incident command system. (3+0) Offered Spring

FIRE F152 3 credits
Wildland Firefighter II
Provides wildland firefighters with knowledge and skills in the deployment, use, safe practices and field maintenance
of engine powered wildland firefighting tools including portable pumps and chain saws. (2.5 + 1) Offered Spring

**FIRE F153 2 credits**  
**Wildland Firefighter III**  
Designed to meet the training needs of the Advanced Wildland Firefighter. Includes training in the use of fireline reference materials, recognition and mitigation of safety issues, and provides a solid foundation of basic leadership skills. (2+0) Offered Fall

**FIRE F157 3 credits**  
**Wildland Air Operations**  
Introduction to aircraft types and capabilities, aviation policy and safety for flying in and working with agency aircraft, tactical and logistical uses of aircraft, and requirements for helicopter take-off and landing areas. This course is designed to provide student proficiency in all areas of the tactical and logistical use of helicopters to achieve efficiency and standardization. Topics include aviation safety, aircraft capabilities and limitations, aviation life support equipment, aviation mishap reporting, pre-flight checklist and briefing/debriefing, aviation transportation of hazardous materials, crash survival, helicopter operations. Emphasis is on aviation safety. (3+0) Offered Fall

4. **Requirements for the Endorsement:**

   a) **Sample Course of Study and 3-year Cycle:**

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