

# Fire Protection Technician Spring 2014 Student SLO Report

## 1. What did you like about this program?

### Text Response

The quality of instructors, and training was very high.

Practical based training.

I liked the second year when the new instructors taught. They were more knowledgeable, kept on task, and have experience on a modern day fire service.

I liked that the teachers were knowledgeable in the field they were teaching in.

The teachers and training were very high quality.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

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## 2. What would you change about this program?

### Text Response

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Western should set fire students up better with CPAT and work with us on internships. I feel the dean of public safety just pushes us to the side and doesn't care of what happen's with our future.

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If i could change something about the program I would suggest more hands on training for the second year.

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

### 3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	0	1	0	4	0	5

### 4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

#### Text Response

Please provide the NIMS 300, and 400 courses for students  
Communication skills were not learned in result of this program.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

### 5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	0	0	1	3	1	5

### 6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

#### Text Response

I did not learn anything in college math, the required course for this program. It was basic highschool math. It would be nice to have a math class that incooperated pump calculations.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

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### 7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	1	2	2	0	5

### 8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

#### Text Response

This definitely wasn't addressed in the program.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

### 9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	0	1	4	0	5

### 10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

#### Text Response

I learned critical thinking skills in the EMT-B class taught by Shari Jacobson, but not in my fire classes.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

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### 11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	2	2	1	0	5

### 12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

#### Text Response

We did not use technology in the program.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

### 13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	2	1	2	0	5

### 14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

#### Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

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### 15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	1	4	0	5

### 16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

### 17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate professional conduct by displaying personal code of ethics, positive work ethics, flexibility, teamwork skills, physical fitness, safe procedures, and sensitivity to diverse cultures and individuals.	0	1	1	3	0	5

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### 18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

Program needs to have more direction.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

### 19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform fire prevention activities including preplanning, public education, inspection, and investigation.	0	0	0	4	1	5

### 20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

Beau taught us this in strategies and tactics.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

### 21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
apply incident management skills to emergency incidents.	0	0	0	4	1	5

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### 22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

Thanks to Beau  
Should receive NIMS 300, 400 in this degree

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

### 23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
meet professional fire and EMS credentialing standards.	0	1	1	3	0	5

### 24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

#### Text Response

Some of our certifications were not national. This is of no use to students looking to find a job outside of the state.

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Total Responses	1



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### 25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
communicate clearly and effectively both verbally and through written documentation with clients, coworkers, other agencies, and supervisors.	0	0	0	5	0	5

### 26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

### 27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
apply critical thinking to both emergency and non-emergency situations.	0	0	1	3	1	5

### 28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

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### 29. CONCLUSION - Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

#### Text Response

Define the objectives of this degree, and focus on the teamwork and togetherness of the fire service.

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My overall experience was below average. My first year was great I learned about what it would be like to be in the fire service. Mr. Billings was organised and knew when state tests were given and he also knew what was going to be on the tests and clearly explained all of that important information to us students. For my second year on the other hand was different, Both Beau and Steve were superior teachers and were extremely knowledgeable. My problem came when setting up internships for the summer, what i needed to take my pumper operator practical test, and what needed to be done after the fire inspector job shadow. Here at western technical college I am set to graduate with my associate degree and all of the certificates i need to be a fire fighter but I still feel unprepared for the real word. This program needs to have more preparation for firefighters to be placed directly into the fire service after graduation. Things that are needed are an IFSAC certified hazmat technician course, and a certified CPAT test. Also the fitness for firefighter course either needs to be significantly changed or removed from the coursework for graduation. These courses have no goals or directives and ultimately do nothing for the success of the students graduating. In fact the added stress load, and unregulated coursework of these courses causes a loss in focus in other classes. If a cpat was administered in the end, and the lectures were removed from this class then it would be worth it. Also, the college needs to establish relationships with departments in the area for internships. Make the process of interning easier, with no doubt in whether or not we will be able to each year. Finally, if courses do not require hands on or use of the training facilities in Sparta make

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