



Mature Admission Guidelines

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What is Mature Admission?

Mature admission status is an admission method that allows individuals to apply for training programs without meeting the academic requirements of a high school diploma or GED. Applicants must have demonstrated potential for academic success and excellence in non-academic areas.

How to Apply

To apply for Mature Admission, applicants are required to submit the following to Admissions:

- Transcripts of all high school and postsecondary experience.
- Standardized test scores, such as SAT or ACT, if available.
- A Letter of Intent from the applicant including a statement on the applicant's potential for success in university studies, how the applicant's experiences since secondary school have contributed to this potential, the applicant's goals for the future, and why studies at the University will help the applicant to realize these goals
- A résumé, providing a summary of all educational, employment and volunteer experience

These documents can be submitted in the application package where it asks you to upload a copy of your High School Diploma or GED. Multiple attachments can and should be submitted.

Test Scores

Applicants who believe they have developed college-ready academic skills that are not reflected on transcripts should take an academic, secondary-level achievement test. For example, it is possible to challenge or retake the Alberta Education diploma exams. Review sessions for these exams are often offered as Continuing Education courses at colleges. Other acceptable test scores are the SAT and the ACT.

Scores on exams for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) are not considered adequate indicators of academic skills for admission to the Canadian Fire Rescue College.



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Letter of Intent and Resumé

The Letter of Intent gives applicants an opportunity to highlight how their academic and non-academic achievements have provided them with the skills necessary to achieve success at the Canadian Fire Rescue College

Applicants presenting life achievement will be considered for Mature Admission if it demonstrates skill development relevant to college success. Relevant experience could include:

- Volunteer or work experience;
- Academic upgrading;
- Test scores indicating university-level reading, writing and math skills;
- Transferable and non-transferable post-secondary work; and/or
- Leisure activities.

The focus should be on the academic/organizational skills developed and maturity gained in the course of these experiences (e.g., ability to organize and complete significant projects, sophisticated reading or writing). Individuals who have professional history (e.g., successfully managing a business, community leadership, professional certification) should ensure that the skills obtained through these experiences are highlighted on their resumé.

The Admissions Team and College Director will evaluate whether or not this experience, combined with academic achievements, have prepared the applicant for success in the chosen program at the Canadian Fire Rescue College.