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Rule 4765-21-03 Qualifications for a certificate to teach.

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(A) An applicant for a fire and emergency services instructor I certificate to teach shall satisfy all of the fire and emergency services instructor I requirements listed in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I & II Course Packet" to be eligible for certification, including the following:

(1) Pass the fire and emergency services instructor I instructional methods examination;

(a) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the instructional methods examination is required for certification;

(b) The instructional methods examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts;

(c) If an applicant is unable to pass the instructional methods examination upon training course completion, the applicant shall complete a new fire and emergency services instructor training course as set forth in rule 4765-24-17 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a fire and emergency services instructor as set forth in this rule;

(2) Submits a completed "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Initial Application" within two years of course completion.

(B) An applicant for a fire and emergency services instructor II certificate to teach shall satisfy all of the requirements listed in the "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I & II Course Packet" to be eligible for certification, including the following:

(1) Passes the fire and emergency services instructor I and II instructional methods examination:

(a) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the instructional methods examination is required for certification;

(b) The instructional methods examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts;

(c) If an applicant is unable to pass the instructional methods examination upon training course completion, the applicant shall complete a new fire and emergency services instructor training course as set forth in rule 4765-24-17 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a fire and emergency services instructor as set forth in this rule;

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(2) Submits a completed "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Initial Application" within two years of course completion.

(C) Upon certification, fire and emergency services instructors must be designated to teach specific topics or programs by a program director, based on the certificate holder's provider certification(s), knowledge, and experience.

(D) An applicant for a live fire instructor certificate to teach shall satisfy all of the requirements listed in the "Live Fire Instructor Course" to be eligible for certification, including all of the following:

(1) Holds a current and valid firefighter II certificate;

(2) Holds a current and valid fire and emergency services instructor I or II certificate;

(3) Completes all course requirements;

(4) Passes all job performance requirements upon course completion; and

(5) Submits a completed "Live Fire Instructor Initial Application" within two years of course completion.

(E) The holder of a live fire instructor certificate to teach must maintain a current and valid firefighter certificate and a current and valid fire and emergency services instructor certificate as required in paragraph (D) of this rule. A live fire instructor certificate to teach shall be relinquished if the holder's firefighter certificate, fire and emergency services instructor certificate, or both are expired, revoked, or surrendered.

(F) A fire and emergency services instructor or live fire instructor certificate to teach issued pursuant to this rule shall be issued in accordance with the certification cycles and pro-rated renewal requirements set forth in rule 4765-21-15 of the Administrative Code.