Career Readiness Indicator Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to help guide the process for review of a Career Readiness Indicator (CRI). It is the responsibility of the local education agency proposing the addition of the CRI to gather the information and submit it to Josh Laney, Assistant Director for Workforce Development. Answers should be as concise as possible. Information should be submitted as a completed packet, not piecemeal. Additional information may be included at the discretion of the applying agency if it might be pertinent to the evaluation process.

Contact information for person filling out questionnaire
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Date of submittal: 8/11/15

Why do we want this CRI?
1. What industry is asking for the CRI? (List multiple if applicable.) Fire and Rescue Departments from all sectors, Military, industrial complexes in need of fire brigade.
2. What companies within the in industry are requesting this CRI? (Attach letters of request on company letterhead.) Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission
3. What entity, company, or testing agency is the “owner” of the CRI? (Who determines what it takes to earn the CRI?) Provide contact numbers, names, websites, or other info for inquiries. Certification is granted through the Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35470. 205-391-3744
4. For what career technical program(s) is the CRI being requested? Fire Science (Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security)

How does one actually get the CRI?
5. How long does it take for a student to earn this CRI? (Answer in approximate hours of instruction, not school years or terms. Give an average or best estimate.) 160 (plus 24 pre-requisite) hours are required in order for the individual to be eligible to take all the exams. The student will have one exam every forty hours of instruction with two physical or Job Performance Requirement (hereafter referred to as JPR) exams administers in the last eighty hours to complete certification.
6. How does the student earn the CRI? (Does the student have to take a written exam, log a certain number of hours, complete a skills demonstration, some combination of these, etc?) Four written examinations as well as two skills exams are given in order for the student to be eligible to complete the process. Students will be required to complete the four hours of required instruction as well as the skill manual prior to testing.
7. Is there a minimum age requirement for gaining the CRI? Students are encouraged to be in their junior or senior year of high school prior to entering the program.
8. Are students required to be graduates before earning the CRI? The CRI is granted upon the student turning 18 and requesting the certification. There is no requirement for graduation.
9. Are there minimum pre-requisite course requirements for earning the CRI? Students must have attended the Emergency Care Provider course prior to enrolling in the program.
10. What equipment is required to train for this CRI? (Only list items which are different than what would be found on the standard equipment list for the program.) Access to fire pumping apparatus as well as mobile burn simulators. The former can be located through the local department while the former can be scheduled through the Alabama Fire College.
11. Does the earning of the CRI require the student to have computer access for the testing? It is preferred, but not required.

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How much does it cost and what resources are required?

12. What is the cost of the exam for earning this CRI? $0.00

13. Is there a practice test available from the CRI issuer or from other parties?
   a. If yes, does the practice test have a cost in addition to the actual exam and if so, how much? **No practice test are available.**
   b. Can rights to the practice material be purchased once or is there a recurring fee? **Teaching material is given to the local school free. The student has access to the textbook after the school purchases it. Further, students can access AFCOnline (olc.alabamafirecollege.org) if their school has requested to use this tool.**

14. Who can administer the exam? (Some CRIs prohibit the person who trained the student from administering the exam.) **Alabama Fire College will provide a proctor for the exam free of charge.**

15. Is special certification or licensure required for a teacher to administer the CRI?
   a. If yes, what is the cost for gaining the appropriate licensure? **N/A at the present time as AFC staff must administer test.**
   b. Is this a one-time or recurring fee? **See above.**

16. Is site, facility, or equipment certification required for administering the CRI?
   a. If yes, what costs are included? **No.**
   b. Is this a one-time or recurring fee? **N/A**
August 10, 2015

Dr. Phillip Cleveland
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Dear Dr. Cleveland:

Pursuant to the Code of Alabama §36-32-7, the Alabama Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission is vested with the responsibility to determine minimum training requirements for firefighters and fire protection personnel in the State of Alabama. The Commission adopts the National Fire Protection Association’s NFPA 1001: Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications as the minimum certification standard for firefighters in Alabama. The minimum standards educational programs are administered solely by the Alabama Fire College, which is an independent postsecondary educational institution under the general control and supervision of the Commission.

The Alabama Fire College is accredited by two separate external bodies; the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Both of these agencies require that accredited members use NFPA 1001 as the foundation for firefighter training, education and certification. As such, this is the most valid Career Readiness Indicator (CRI) for students that are enrolled in approved Career Technical Education programs in Alabama’s secondary schools.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can provide further information.

With best regards,

Allan Rice
Executive Director

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