



Virtual Classroom

The NVFC Virtual Classroom is an online learning center featuring free and low-cost courses designed and delivered by fire service members and industry professionals. The courses are on-demand and self-paced, which means you set your own schedule. NVFC members receive a discount on all course fees.

NVFC Virtual Classroom courses feature the following:

- Downloadable course materials and supplemental resources
- Quizzes
- Certificates of completion

Access the Virtual Classroom

- Login to the Virtual Classroom at <https://nvfc.digitalchalk.com>.
 - If you already have a Virtual Classroom account or are an NVFC member, login using your existing account information. NVFC members receive a discount on all course fees; access the discount code by logging to the [Members-Only site](#) and select Member Resources, Membership Benefits.
 - If you are not an NVFC member and have never accessed the Virtual Classroom, email the NVFC at nvfcoffice@nvfc.org to create a new account. New students must create an account before registering for classes. It is free to create an account.
- Once logged in to the Virtual Classroom, register for classes by selecting Catalog and adding your desired course(s) to the shopping cart.
- For courses with a fee, payment information will be required upon checkout. NVFC members can apply the discount code at checkout.
- Once you complete a course, that course will no longer be available in your Catalog.

Continuing Education Units

The NVFC is pleased to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) on select courses. These CEUs are provided by Columbia Southern University. Current eligible courses are as follows:

- Behavioral Health in the Fire and Emergency Services (.1 credit)
- Cancer in the Fire Service: A Growing Epidemic (.2 credit)
- Fireground Accountability: Daring Not to be a Statistic (.1 credit)
- Flawed Situational Awareness: The Stealth Killer of First Responders (.2 credit)
- Incident Safety Officer (ISO) Series (.3 credit)
- Is Your Department at its B.E.S.T.? (.2 credit)
- Obesity in the Fire Service (.1 credit)
- Overhaul: What's the Worst that Could Happen? (.1 credits)
- Preventing and Coping with Suicide in the Fire and Emergency Services (.2 credit)
- What to Expect: Helping Your Family Adapt to the Volunteer Fire Service (.1 credit)

These courses are currently free. However, there is a \$20 service fee from CSU to issue the CEU. The price is normally \$25, but because the NVFC is a learning partner to CSU, NVFC students receive a five dollar discount.

To get the CEU, follow these steps:

- Take the eligible course in the NVFC Virtual Classroom. Refer to the list above to see which courses are approved for CEUs; it will also be noted in the course description.
- Once you've completed the course, the NVFC will submit your grade to CSU – nothing for you to do here!
- CSU will then contact you to explain the next steps you need to complete, which includes filling out an online Participant CEU Request form and paying the \$20 service fee.
- Once these items are completed, CSU will mail you your CEU certificate within 7-10 business days.
- Please note that this process must be completed for each course for which you wish to obtain credit.

If you completed any of these courses shortly before the CEUs were offered, you are still eligible to receive credit. CSU will be contacting you with additional details.

About Columbia Southern University

Columbia Southern University (CSU) is an online university based in Orange Beach, AL, that strives to change and improve lives through higher education by enabling students to maximize their professional and personal potential. A subsidiary of Columbia Southern Education Group, CSU offers online degree programs at the associate, bachelor, and master degree levels in a multitude of areas such as occupational safety and health, fire administration, criminal justice, business administration, human resource management, health care administration, and more. CSU also features undergraduate and graduate certificate programs to provide focused training in specialized areas for adult learners. Learn more about CSU at www.columbiasouthern.edu. As a learning partner, NVFC members receive a 10% discount on tuition to CSU.