DEPARTMENT POLICY ON THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS REQUIREMENT
AND LABORATORY SAFETY TRAINING

NYC Fire Department Certificate of Fitness

All 2nd year and later non-theory APAM graduate students who do not yet have a NYC Fire
Department Certificate of Fitness card MUST take and pass the Certificate of Fitness Exam by the
last day of October. The Certificate of Fitness must be renewed every 3 years.

There are two ways to obtain a Certificate of Fitness:
♦ In person at FDNY headquarters (which is the only way for 1st year students who
may want to fulfill this requirement early)
♦ a Self-Certification program given here at CU

Please check additional handouts for requirements or visit the Environment Health and Safety
website.

The Certificate of Fitness test is given on site:
Morningside - every Tuesday @ 2 pm in Mudd 351
CUMC - every Wednesday @ 12 noon in EHS Suite #63 (Building 601 West 168th Street)

Certificate of Fitness Renewals:
If your Certificate of Fitness is expired for more than 1 year, you will be required to retake
the C-14 test. If you have any questions, please contact the EH&S office 1 at (212)854-8749
(Morningside) or (212)305-6780 (CUMC) http://ehs.columbia.edu/index.html

Laboratory Safety Training

All 2nd year and later non-theory APAM graduate students who are doing experimental research and
have not yet received the initial training session specific to their laboratory activities MUST attend a
safety training session each Fall term. This training is beyond the laboratory fire safety training
given during 1st year orientation. Please check additional handouts for safety training schedules or
visit the EH&S website.

In addition, any student requiring refresher training has the option each Fall term of attending a
classroom session or going on-line, which includes a post-test administered by RASCAL
@https://www.rascal.columbia.edu.

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