

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE



College Admissions

San Jacinto College is an open admission institution. All students are welcome to apply and will be admitted to the College. You may begin the process on the College's "How to Apply (<https://www.sanjac.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/>)" webpage.

Program Admission

In addition to being admitted to the College, students must also be admitted to the Child Development program which has additional requirements and/or steps.

Background Check and Fingerprinting Requirements

Texas law requires background checks and FBI fingerprinting for individuals working or volunteering in childcare centers or public schools:

- Senate Bill 758 (2007): Mandates an FBI fingerprint check for anyone required to undergo a background check in a childcare center, including volunteers counted in child-to-caregiver ratios. Fingerprinting must be renewed every two years.
- Senate Bill 9 (2011): Extends this requirement to all public-school districts. FBI fingerprinting checks records across all 50 states and helps prevent the use of false identities.

Program Participation: San Jacinto College CDEC and TECA students may not be placed at one location more than two days per month to avoid "frequent contact" status. School districts and childcare centers vary in how they conduct background checks. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of each placement site. Fees may apply and differ by institution.