

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



## Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program Requirements

EMS practitioners are held to the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct. This expectation extends to education programs, their faculty, students, clinical affiliates, and EMS services. Students and prospective students must be able to demonstrate strong professional characteristics to be eligible for entry and licensure with the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS).

### *Texas Administration Code Background Statement*

**\*\*Note:** Pursuant to Rule 157.12 for the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), a person who has any arrests, criminal charges or indictments, criminal investigations, motions to revoke probation, etc. of any crime may be disqualified from obtaining licensure as an EMS Professional.

Additionally, in accordance with Texas House Bill 1508, the College informs all students in this program who may have a criminal background that a criminal history could keep graduates from being licensed by the state of Texas. Students with any questions about their background and licensure may speak with the Department Chair.

If students have any questions regarding past incidents, they may contact TDSHS at their website (<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/default.shtm>) or may call them at 512-834-6700. A criminal background check and/or drug screen must be conducted by a designated investigative agency at the expense of the student. This background check must be completed before registering for classes and only those applicants with a clear background will be eligible to register unless a qualified exception is made by the Program Director.

## EMS Program Information Sessions and Mandatory Semester Orientation

All EMS students (new and returning) must attend the mandatory semester orientation prior to course start date (session dates and times located on the San Jacinto College EMS Program Web Page (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/ems/>)).

## Order Background Check and Drug Screen

The state of Texas and the San Jacinto College EMS program require students to provide a current (within 1 year) criminal background check and drug screen. The program utilizes a third-party vendor to obtain

these records. Students may order their background and drug screen at [www.castlebranch.com](http://www.castlebranch.com) (<http://www.castlebranch.com/>).\*\*

**\*\*All EMS program students must purchase and complete CastleBranch requirements before the start of class.**

## Updated Immunizations and Completed Physical

All immunizations must be current and must not expire during the program. Current immunization records must be uploaded to the student's CastleBranch account.\*\*

Applicants must pass a program-approved physical. The physical form is available on the San Jacinto College EMS Program Web Page (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/ems/>).

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For more information, students may contact 281-998-6150, x7301.