

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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For information on course offerings and enrollment requirements, students may visit the San Jacinto College EMS Program Web Page (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/ems/>).

Students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree after graduation from San Jacinto College may want to consider programs in the Western Governors University (WGU) College of Health Professions. WGU will accept credit for students with an AAS in Emergency Medical Services. Interested students may find more information on the WGU website (<https://partners.wgu.edu/Pages/transfer-iid-1154.html>).

## Information

The goal of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program at San Jacinto College is to prepare competent entry-level Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains, with exit points at the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and Paramedic levels. The EMS curriculum includes a combination of class lectures, skills training, and clinical training in hospital and ambulance settings. The EMS program at San Jacinto College meets Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) and the National Registry of EMT requirements for certification eligibility. Upon successful completion of the program, students registering for the EMS program must meet TDSHS requirements and be eligible to take the National Registry of EMT certification examination. Any applicant convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor offense may be ineligible for clinical participation and/or state certification.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.

## Program Enrollment

A criminal background check and/or drug screening is required of all health science students attending clinical courses or practicums and may be required prior to admission to the program.

Students must meet all program requirements for eligibility to take the National Registry certification examination. A fee is charged by TDSHS and the National Registry of EMT for certification and/or examinations. There may also be additional charges for field experiences.